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O Holy Night
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This Is The Night
Of Our Dear Savior's Birth

Peace
On
Earth

*Season's Greetings
From
The Sardella Family
Ric, Betsy,
Kaitlin, And Chase*



Ennis Censure Fails Monday

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Town Councilors in a 4-5-2 vote failed to pass a motion by Councilor Vivian Dziardziel to censure fellow Councilor Thomas Ennis for "violation of council rules and regulations and conduct unbecoming a town councilor."

The restraint shown during the first televised session on December 3rd was stretched to its limits Monday night as debate grew heated and a five minute recess was called by Councilor Joanne Willis in the hopes that "the parties involved in the dispute can go into a quiet corner and resolve their concerns."

The "other involved party" is Councilor George Bitzas. Both Ennis and Bitzas have sparred in the press in recent weeks and the ill feelings between the two was apparent in their lack of reaching some type of accord during the recess.

Bitzas later told *The Advertiser News* he waited for Ennis to approach him during the recess but Ennis never came over. "I waited for him. He sits right next to me at the meeting. He only came over to sit back in his seat just before the meeting was about to begin again. I am extremely disappointed that he failed to do the honorable thing and apologize. I was also disappointed over the vote not to censure him (Ennis). I think the vote certainly reflects that politics dictate (the actions) of some members of this council and not honor and protocol."

Bitzas added, "I can't believe that some councilors can condone the use of profanity at council meetings. This situation is surely an unfortunate one."

The dispute arose from a verbal exchange in which Ennis reportedly used "foul language" during a November council session (aimed at Bitzas). In another such instance Ennis did in fact apologize for his choice of words, but declined to do so on this occasion.

"His behavior is totally inappropriate and an embarrassment to the council," Mrs. Dziardziel stated,

noting that in light of the new televising of council sessions, the impact is even greater. "He (Ennis) should not be swearing in front of the council and on TV. It's only fair that he apologize for his actions." Mrs. Dziardziel reiterated that this was not the first such incident where Ennis has used profanity at a council meeting.

Councilor Colleen Dupee requested permission to play back the tape of the meeting in question, but was informed that because Ennis' words were not spoken into the microphone, they were not picked up on tape. A dispute emerged over why Ennis' use of profanity was recorded into the council minutes.

Veteran Councilor Edward Caba admitted he did not hear the exchange (between Ennis and Bitzas), and in light of Mrs. Dziardziel's decision not to withdraw her motion, Caba announced his regret over having withdrawn censure actions against three other councilors who left that November meeting rather than vote on a measure about a bulk trash pick-up they believed to be illegal.

Those three councilors were Vice-President Jessie D. Fuller, Mrs. Willis, and Bitzas.

Mrs. Willis interjected a plea to end the call for retribution and recrimination and asked the council to make peace with each other and allow "a healing process" to begin. "I do not condone the language used," she said, "but we cannot continue this way."

The move to censure failed to garner the needed six votes, with council President Richard Brindle joining Mrs. Dziardziel, Mrs. Fuller, and Bitzas in voting yes; Councilors John Negrucci, Edward Borgatti, Scott Burgess, Colleen Dupee and Caba voted against censure, and Ennis and Mrs. Willis abstained.

Ennis had no comment during the debate on the censure.

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State Finally Awards Bid For 57 Project; Start This Spring?

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The Route 57 extension project should be underway by early spring, forecasts Councilor Edward Borgatti, who announced Monday night that Cardi Corporation of Warrick, Rhode Island was the apparent low bidder for the project at \$15,783,643.75, approximately \$6 million less than state estimates for the work.

Borgatti told the full council at Monday's session that bids were opened earlier in the day and a number of them came in well below the state estimate.

Several councilors noted that due to the slumping Massachusetts economy, as well as that of the rest of New England, it was not surprising that contractors bid low in the hopes of qualifying for the job.

The project bid includes the installation of traffic lighting systems at the intersection of Mill and Prospect Streets.

Additional lights at the intersections of Mill and Sufield and Mill and Springfield Streets are part of package under bid in the spring.

The Cardi Corporation bid will be reviewed over the next four to six weeks with the final confirmation of that award to come by late January.

State officials must thoroughly check the firm before the awarding of the bid becomes final.

According to Borgatti, the company could begin work by early spring with a two-year timetable to complete the project.

The work would take the project as far as South Westfield Street, while the other half takes the Route 57 expansion to the Southwick town line.

State estimates for the project were tabulated at \$21,541,305, making many lower bids opened today "a real nice surprise," said Borgatti.

The awarding to the Route 57 bid continues the nearly three-decade saga of completing what was supposed to be a 4.5 mile extension. The project was delayed for years by regional squabbling, as well as environmental concerns.

There was also a question whether federal and state highway funding would be available for the project as budget deficits soared on the federal level. Also, the shape of the state's fiscal house has been a mess for the past two years. SEE ROUTE 57 - Page 4...

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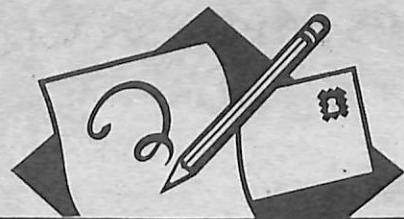
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Letters To The Editor

Barry Family Thanks Town For Helping Jimmy

To The Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank the countless number of people who have helped our family during the past year.

Last January, our nine year-old son, Jimmy, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Jimmy had surgery in Boston and underwent extensive radiation therapy. It is every parents nightmare, and we have learned to take one day at a time. Jimmy is doing well now, and we pray his progress will continue.

We are overwhelmed at the outpouring that we received from so many people. In our eyes, this town has shown that the true meaning of Christmas lasts throughout the year.

Happy Holidays, and may we all look forward to a happy, healthy 1991.

Sincerely,
Jay & Mary Barry
Agawam

Officer Macey Praises Agawam Junior Women

To The Editor:

There is a group of young ladies in town who meet monthly at the Captain Charles Leonard House and plan activities and fundraisers to benefit a number of worthy causes within the boundaries of our town. They are special to me and to the D.A.R.E. program because the very first donation received for the kids came from these ladies.

Although they are a small group with limited funds, they always have been able to come up with timely

donations, and when they didn't have the money, they went out and raised it through activities such as the D.A.R.E. Walkathon which they organized completely on their own.

As stated before they are a small group, but what they lack in numbers, they make up for in heart and stature. They have asked for very little from me and in return, they have always been a group upon whom I can depend.

In terms of cash, their support has been nothing short of fantastic. In terms of caring, they are unequalled. It is my hope that their numbers grow, and they are successful in whatever they choose to do.

On behalf of the kids, the D.A.R.E. program, and especially me, thanks goes to the Agawam Junior Women's Club for making a difference.

Officer Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

Mayor Johnson Extends Season's Greeting To All

To The Editor:

To The Residents Of Agawam:

On behalf of the staff of the Mayor's Office, as well as the employees of the Town of Agawam, I would like to extend best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy and productive New Year.

All our thoughts and prayers are with our service men and women stationed overseas, especially those presently in Saudi Arabia. We deeply appreciate their commitment to our nation, and their personal sacrifice on our behalf. I hope that despite the many troubles amongst nations, that this holiday period is filled with peace on earth.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and remembers to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Sincerely,
Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor
and all the employees of the
Town of Agawam

IRS Has Unclaimed Money Available

The IRS has over \$1 million it wants to give to some 1,568 Massachusetts residents but can't find them, including John & Nancy Granger of Agawam.

IRS Boston District Director Gerard R. Esposito said, "The Boston District has federal tax money totaling \$1,075,377, in undeliverable refunds ranging from a low of \$1 to \$52,068.

Near the end of each year, the IRS tries to locate taxpayers whose refund checks were returned as undeliverable. Checks are returned for one of the following reasons: the taxpayer moves; changes his or her last name during the year and fails to tell the IRS; or the taxpayers' handwriting may have been misread.

"One of the best ways to avoid misdirected refund checks is to use the peel-off label in the tax package," said Esposito. Any name or address correction should be made on the label itself. To minimize the possibility of tax refunds going astray, taxpayers should consider filing their tax returns electronically.

If you feel you are due a federal refund that you didn't receive, from either this or within the last three years' tax return, just call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-TAX-1040.

You don't have to pay anyone to locate your undeliverable refunds, just call the IRS.

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LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Wilson Thompson Post 185, Inc., American Legion, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA has applied for Transfer of New Officers/Director and Alter of Premise. Building consisting of: Bar area to be 47'3" x 25', hall area raised to one level 52' x 30', Handicapped bathrooms, 3 exits in front and one exit on west side of building. Public hearing to be held Tuesday, January 8th, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Playing key roles in the project over the years on the state level were State Representative Michael P. Walsh and State Senator Linda J. Melconian. Former State Representative Edward W. Connelly, Walsh's predecessor who retired in 1981, also played a major role during endless regional battling over the extension right through the 1970's.

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Mrs. Willis Proposes Closer Council Review Of School Budget

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Town Councilor Joanne Willis believes that last year's review of the School Budget by a five-member budget review committee left other town councilors with many unanswered questions.

This year, however, will be different if she has anything to say about it.

Mrs. Willis has placed the issue of a School Department budget review on the agenda for January and hopes to see all members of the council in attendance on all phases of School Budget discussions.

"I hope to have Superintendent James Bruno, Mr. Charest (associate superintendent), and other officials on hand for the discussions and to answer any council questions," Mrs. Willis said at Monday evening's council session.

"There were a lot of questions asked last year," she says as she looks back on her first experience with municipal budgets.

She believes most councilors will not have difficulty finding time to attend all the sessions, and expects a full review to take at least "three or four sessions."

"The School Budget is the biggest part of the city budget," she says. "We have to take the time to really look at it." She notes that many council members showed up at last year's review sessions even though they were not on the formal committee.

Mrs. Willis received support from fellow Councilor Edward Caba, who, as a former town manager, had the responsibility of recommending a final monetary figure to be spent on the schools. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson now has that authority.

In other school related action, the council in January will also approve acceptance of \$812,708 in EEOG (Equal Educational Opportunity Grant) monies from the state. Those funds are already calculated into the school's operating budget.

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New Year's Day
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Tuesday, January 8th
Liquor Licensing Commission
Faolin Peirce Community Room
Ag. Police Station
Springfield Street, Feeding Hills
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 10th
Board of Appeals
Agawam Public Library
6:30 P.M.

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Don't Forget Safety During Holidays

by Officer Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

A few days remain before Christmas and on behalf of all the officers of the Agawam Police Department, I want to extend the heartiest of good wishes for a happy, healthy, safe holiday season.

While most of our thoughts turn to home, family, and friends, I would only interject a few words of caution. Don't allow the Christmas season and the spirit associated with it to lessen our thoughts of safety and crime prevention. Remain alert and aware of people and things around you, and continue to use common sense in your daily activities. We can't allow others to dampen the feelings we are all beginning to experience.

While it's true that each of us has different thoughts and feelings which we identify with Christmas, it is only in the expression of these feelings that we truly capture the special meaning of the season.

Listening to Christmas carols, and church bells, watching the snow fall on pine trees and Christmas lights, and being together with family and friends are all signs that Christmas is just around the corner. Perhaps the happiest and most peaceful feelings will come from watching the children and learning from them just how to express our emotions. It always seems somehow that the season escapes us and Christmas is here and gone before we know it.

Get together with the children and those people you love. Say what you feel in your heart, and don't allow another Christmas day go by without expressing what's on your mind and in your heart. Even with times as tough as they are, there is something good to be found.

Our thoughts about the Persian Gulf have to remain positive, and our faith will carry us through. I can remember a Christmas Eve some 20 years ago in a country on the other side of the world. There were guns, rockets, and war was everywhere. Somehow, on hill 55 sitting alone in a bunker my thoughts turned to home and my memories of Christmas past. There is simply no one nor anything that can keep us from feeling the true spirit and meaning of Christmas.

On behalf of Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Captain Richard Light, Lieutenant Robert Campbell, and all the officers of the Agawam Police Department, our wish is that you find your peace this holiday season.

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PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
Richard S. Brindle, President
Agawam Town Council

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT recently completed a four-week program on Hazardous Waste Materials sponsored by the Massachusetts Firemen's Association. From left - Lt. Nicholas Demko; firefighters Karl Schmaelzle, Ken Blair, and Donald Savaria; and Lt. Steve Martin. Missing - Lt. James Brown. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Town Will Enforce Several Local Laws On Motor Vehicles

On October 15th, the Town Council approved an updated ordinance entitled "Motor Vehicles." Within this ordinance, there are several changes relative to parking prohibitions. In order to inform the residents of Agawam about the parking prohibitions, a brief synopsis of the major changes is incorporated in this article.

The first major change addresses the late payment of fines. Under the new ordinance, the fines assessed for all parking violations except handicap and fire hydrant infractions will increase from \$15 to \$20 if not paid within 21 days. If the parking clerk must report the nonpayment to the Registry of Motor Vehicles after the 21-day period has expired, the fine will increase to \$35.

In the case of handicap and fire hydrant violations, fines assessed for these infractions will increase from \$50 to \$60 if not paid within 21 days. If the parking clerk must report the nonpayment of these violations to the Registry of Motor Vehicles after the 21-day period has expired, the fine will then increase to \$100.

The new ordinance also changes the winter parking ban regulations. There is no longer a blanket prohibition for odd side parking during certain times of the year. Under the new ordinance, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works may declare a limited parking ban on the ways within the Town from November 15th to April 15th. This limited ban will be announced to the local news media for broadcast prior to its declaration. When severe weather is anticipated or in progress, it is now important that residents listen to the local radio and television news broadcasts to determine parking restrictions.

The final major change deals with the removal of vehicles parked in violation of the parking restrictions found within the Town Code. The owner of a vehicle that is removed in violation of the parking restrictions will be assessed an additional fine of \$25 and will also be responsible for the removal and storage fees. This will be in addition to the fine incurred from the original parking violation.

Although it is not a new ordinance, the Police Department would like to remind residents that parking within any grassed, lawn or landscaped area on the grounds of any municipal or school building, park or playground is prohibited. When attending functions at these locations, please use the designated parking areas.

SIDEWALKS

The Town Ordinances requires that the tenant, occupant or owner of property abutting a sidewalk clear it of snow within 24 hours of the cessation of the snow storm. These same people are also responsible to remove or treat with sand any ice which may form on the sidewalks. The penalty for violation of these provisions is a fine of \$2 per day for each day the violation continues.

The Department of Public Works does plow snow from certain sidewalks on main arteries where children are required to walk to school. The Department of Public Works may not plow light snow falls or early or late winter storms when rapid melting is predicted. Actions of the Department of Public Works do not relieve the owners or occupants of abutting property from their obligations under the Ordinances. Residents may call the Public Works Office for information regarding its sidewalk plowing activity after any given storm.

Walsh Slates Hours At Senior Center

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) will be conducting office hours for his constituents on Friday, December 21st. They will be held at the Agawam Senior Center at Meadowbrook Manor from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Representative Walsh and/or a member of his staff will be available to provide assistance with state-related matters and discuss pending state legislation.

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ing Ordinances, to allow for the construction of two (2) structures, (Ash Management Building and Maintenance Shed) at the Resource Recovery Facility located on 200 M STREET, BONDI'S ISLAND.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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sion of a Special Permit to allow for the continued operation of a kennel at the premises identified at 143 SOUTH STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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May The Blessings And The Joy Of This Holiday Season Be With You Through The Coming Year.

**State Representative
Michael P. Walsh**

Cover Design By:

Anita Lalli

Grade 4,
Woodland School, Southwick

Anita Is The Winner Of The 1990 Representative Michael P. Walsh Christmas Card Design Contest.

Agawam Police Blotter For Week-Ending On Friday, Dec. 13th

On December 9th, **Peter J. Maccaroni**, 31 Devine Road, Suffield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Richard Conlon, and Richard Niles.

On December 9th, **Edmund P. Mochak, Jr.**, 301 Montgomery Road, Westfield, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle after suspension. Arresting officers were Don Gallerani and Mike Gruska.

On December 9th, **Rodney J. Small**, Longmeadow, was arrested and charged with operating without a license and driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Richard Conlon.

On December 10th, **Walter Mitus**, 2D Mansion Woods, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Don Gallerani.

On December 10th, **Martin Morin**, 214 North Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Ron Brown, Eric Lottermoser, and Steve Grasso.

On December 11th, **Dana J. Palmer**, 90 Revere Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Walter Letellier and Detective Dan Ciak.

On December 11th, **Raymond Boissonault**, 67 Fairview Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Robert Marsh.

On December 11th, **Chris Waterman**, 113 Cooley Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant, and an outstanding Chicopee Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Mark Poggi.

On December 11th, **Eric L. Gleason**, 882 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Mark Poggi.

On December 11th, **Eric J. Rider**, 14 North Main Street, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, giving false information to a police officer, and an outstanding Foxboro Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Steven Grasso.

On December 11th, **Robert Rose, Jr.**, 33 Portland Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with outstanding Westfield and West Springfield Police Department warrants as well as assorted motor vehicle charges. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi, Brian Connor, Mark Poggi, Gary O'Brien, and Steve Grasso.

On December 12th, **Alan Lancioni**, 302 Babbs Road, West Suffield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Arresting officers were Detective Peter Bertera, Detective Captain Richard Light, and Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr.

On December 12th, **Brendan L. Tallon**, 40 Carmen Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving after suspension. Arresting officers were James Donovan, Keith Bopko, and Mark Ceccarini.

On December 13th, **Robert M. Berger**, 87 Bliss Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Auxiliary Officer Gerald Scoville, Auxiliary Officer Magagnoli, Auxiliary Officer William Kushin, Officer Mark Poggi, and Officer Joe Edwards.

On December 13th, **Edwin Correa**, 48 Grosvenor Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "B" substance and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Auxiliary Officer Gerald Scoville, Auxiliary Officer Magagnoli, Auxiliary Officer William Kushin, Officer Mark Poggi, and Officer Joe Edwards.

On December 14th, **Larry Saffer**, 70 Spring Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and operating without a license. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Richard Niles, and Richard Conlon.

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Kozloski Honored For 20 Years As Member Of Conserv. Comm.

Henry A. Kozloski of 102 Meadow Street, Agawam, was recognized by Mayor Christopher Johnson for his 20 years of service on the Agawam Conservation Commission at the Commission's December 13th meeting.

Kozloski, who was appointed to the Conservation Commission in 1970, has served as its chairman since 1984. When presenting the plaque to Kozloski, Mayor Johnson praised him for his years of dedicated service, his indepth knowledge of wetland resources to the Town of Agawam, as well as his commitment to a comprehensive review of the Route 57 extension. Mayor Johnson stated that Kozloski is "one man who has probably done more work to make Route 57 a reality than any other man or woman in town."

Kozloski, a biology teacher at the West Springfield High School, spends an average of four to five hours a week ensuring the smooth operation of the Commission. In addition to chairing the bi-monthly meetings, he conducts regular inspections of all major construction projects in town. He also responds to the vast majority of complaints received by the Town Hall relating to water resources.

"Henry Kozloski is one of the hardest working people I have had the pleasure to work with over the last eight years," said Deborah S. Dachos, town planner. "Though unpaid, he is always available when problems arise and oftentimes the staff feels guilty about how much we depend on him."

IRS Has Box For '92 Federal Campaign

By checking a special box on your federal income tax form, you can participate in financing the 1992 Presidential Election Campaign. The fund was established by Congress to help pay for presidential election campaigns.

Mark the "Yes" box on your tax return if you wish to have \$1 go to this campaign. On a joint return, both you and your spouse may choose whether or not to contribute.

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HENRY A. KOZLOSKI of 102 Meadow Street, Agawam, receives a plaque from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson to honor 20 years of service on the Agawam Conservation Commission. Looking on is Henry's wife, Teresa Kozloski, a member of the Agawam School Committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

FIRE-WISE - by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Fire Dept. Reminds You About Important Numbers

Many times during an emergency people panic or become confused and when calls are made to emergency numbers enough information is not given to help responding personnel arrive quickly. The Agawam Fire Department offers the following suggestions:

- Know the emergency numbers in your area for fire, police and emergency medical services.
- Keep these numbers posted on or near every phone in your house and also ask neighbors to do the same. For example, in case of fire in your home, you and your family need to get out and then call the fire department

from your neighbor's.

• When giving information to the dispatcher use your complete address, including apartment number, name of subdivision or complex, closest cross street, and any identifying landmarks. Also, be able to give as much information about the emergency as possible, and do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to.

• Then have someone go outside to direct the responding emergency vehicles to the proper location.

The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that calls made quickly and correctly can help save lives. Make sure you have those important numbers posted.

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JORDAN P. ST. JOHN

St. John Receives State Appointment

Massachusetts Governor-Elect William Weld has selected Agawam School Committee member Jordan P. St. John of Feeding Hills to be the deputy press secretary in the governor's office.

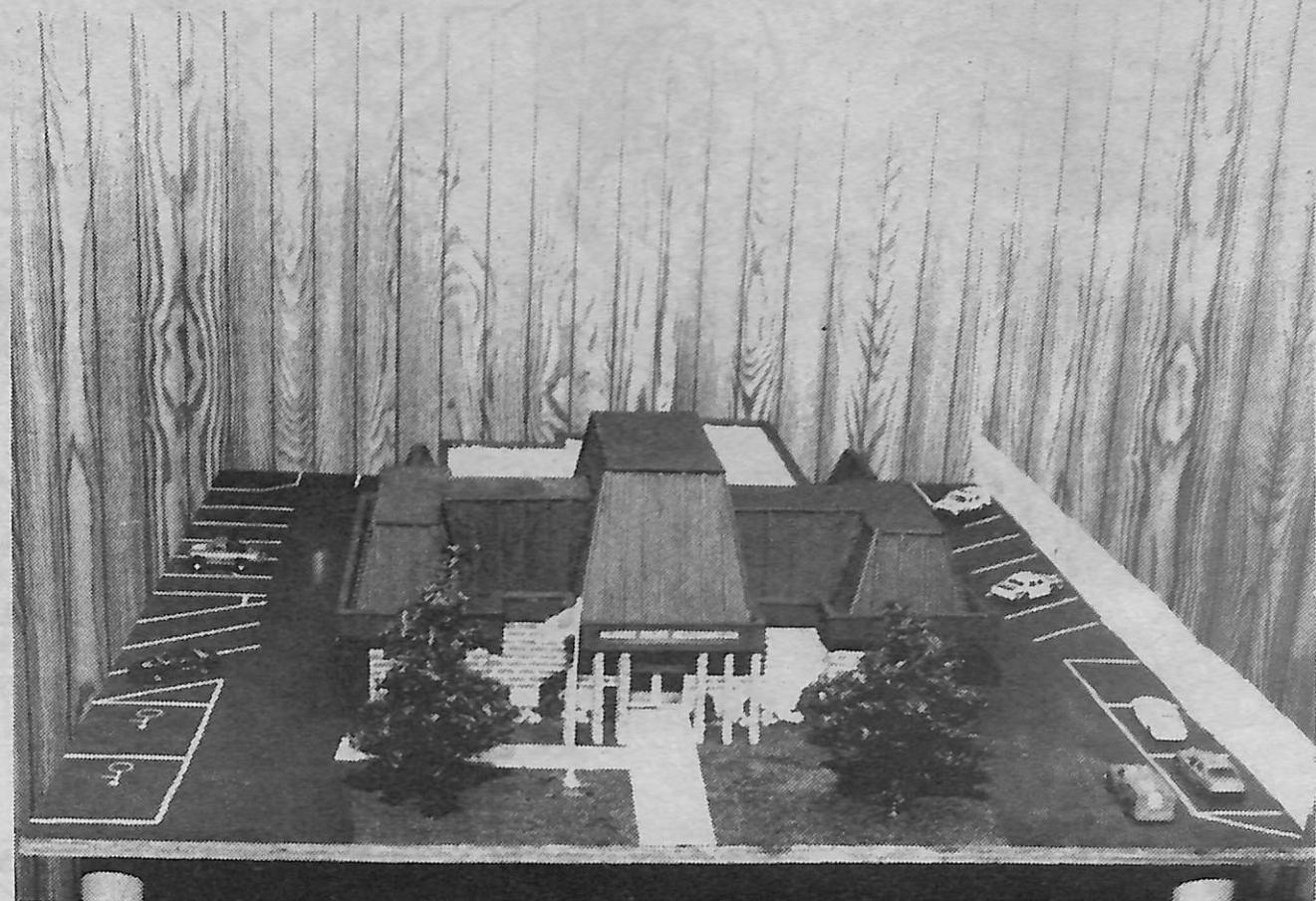
Announcement of the appointment was made by incoming administration Press Secretary Ray Howell. "Jordan and I were tough competitors during the primary election race for governor," said Howell. "I've experienced his energy and professionalism first-hand and realized from that experience that Jordan would be a great addition to the new administration's press operation."

St. John had been press secretary to Westfield State Representative Steven D. Pierce during Pierce's primary election run for the Republican nomination for governor, and was Communications Director for three years in the House Minority Leader's Office of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

St. John is best known in Western Massachusetts for his years as political reporter with WWLP CH-22 in Springfield where he worked during the 1970's and 80's. He also worked at WGGB CH-40 in Springfield as managing editor of the evening newscast, and as political reporter and Hartford Bureau Chief for WTNH CH-8 in New Haven, Connecticut.

A 1964 graduate of Agawam High School, a 1975 graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and a 1973 graduate of Holyoke Community College, St. John served as a combat correspondent with the United States Marine Corps from 1968 through 1970. His tour of duty included a year with the Armed Forces Vietnam Network as a radio and television newscaster.

He is the son of George A. and Nan St. John of 555 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, and the brother of George A. St. John, Jr. of the same address. His daughter, Lisa Janas St. John, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada.



EDGEWATER ROAD RESIDENT Aldege Paro constructed a model of the Agawam Police Headquarters on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. He presented the replica of the station to the Agawam Police Association on December 13th. Mr. Paro is the oldest living former police officer of the Agawam Department. *Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.*

IRS Offers Some Simple Explanations About Taking Business Deductions For Your Car

Many taxpayers who use their cars for business purposes find that deciphering federal tax laws about deducting auto expenses is like following a complicated road map.

Taxpayers who itemize their deductions may be able to deduct all or part of their auto expenses such as gas, oil, lease or rental fees, insurance, tolls and repairs if they are employee/business expenses. Commuting expenses—going to and from work—are not deductible.

Taxpayers must choose the method they intend to use when calculating the deduction—either "actual expenses" or the "standard mileage rate." This election must be made in the first year the car was placed in service for business.

If the standard mileage rate is used for the first year the car is placed in service, either method of calculating the deduction can be used in later years. Special depreciation rules apply if the actual expense method is used in later years. However, if actual ex-

penses are deducted for the first year, the actual expense method of calculating the deduction must be used in subsequent years.

In order to use the standard mileage rate, taxpayers must (1) own the car, (2) not use the car for hire, such as a taxi and (3) not operate a fleet of cars.

The standard mileage rate for tax year 1990 is 26 cents per mile. The ceiling for using the standard mileage rate for only the first 15,000 miles has been rescinded for tax year 1990. Report deductible expenses for business use of a car on IRS Form 2106, Employee Business Expenses.

For a more complete explanation of these rules, including topics such as leased cars, depreciation, partial business use and record keeping, order Publication 917, Business Use of a Car, from the IRS. Call toll-free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) to order a free copy. You can also call Tele-Tax, IRS recorded tax information, toll-free at 1-800-829-4477 and ask for topic 310.

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Families

Students Entertain Cath. Women's Club

A talented Agawam High School quintet provided a musical program for the Christmas meeting of the Agawam Women's Club Monday, December 17th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. All five young people play wind instruments. Their performance was outstanding and enjoyed by all.

Comprising the quintet, the young ladies and gentleman are **Christine Mineo**, flute; **Katie DeBonville**, flute; **Gina Vergnani**, saxophone; **Jessica Liptak**, alto saxophone; **Ray Drewnowski**, master of ceremonies and saxophone.

The Women's Club appreciated the quintet accepting the program portion of the meeting on rather short notice. Eleanor Toussaint, the club's pianist, who provides piano background music and accompaniment on numerous occasions, is recuperating from recent surgery. Many well wishes go out to Eleanor for a full recovery soon.

President Eileen Hamre and Donna Shibley of the Agawam Junior Women's Club were guests at this meeting. A joint effort of "giving" to needy Agawam families was shared by both clubs.

Dorothy Thorpe delivered the invocation. In the absence of Jessie Fuller, the meeting was conducted by Jean Goss, first vice president. Serving Christmas refreshments were Irene Pigeon, chairwoman, Rose Carpenali, Marion Mills, Esther Reynolds, Evelyn Long, and Mary O'Connor.

Nocturnal Adoration Society Gathering At St. Anthony

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Maple Street, Agawam, to conduct and pray the Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, January 4th, from 9:00 p.m. through Saturday, January 5th, at 6:00 a.m.

Father Leo T. Riley, C.S.S., pastor, opens the event with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Members recite evening and morning prayers, both in private and public, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m., Saturday, January 5th.

Assisting Father Riley are Alfred L. Mutti, chairman of St. Anthony membership, and Rene Douillard, group leader.

The meeting is open to all who wish to spend an hour in Eucharistic Prayer.

Membership is open to all Catholic men, women, boys and girls over 18 years to provide a human response to Christ's human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony.

Prospective members may contact Father Riley, Louis Gallerani, president, Alfred Mutti, Robert Baj, Rene Douillard, or any member.

Tony & Lois DePalma Announce Birth Of Son

Tony & Lois DePalma of Ceasan Street, Feeding Hills, announce the birth of their second son, Angelo Donald.

Born October 11th, at Providence Hospital, he weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Waiting at home was big brother, 18 month-old Anthony.

Proud grandparents are Don & Ellie Strong of Feeding Hills, and Irma DePalma of Italy.

Great-grandparents are Elvira Mercolino of Feeding Hills and Mr. & Mrs. D. Francis Strong of Springfield.

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Tina M. DePalma Engaged To Dino Isotti



MR. & MRS. RALPH DEPALMA of Feeding Hills announced the engagement of their daughter, Tina Maria, to Dino Isotti, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tillio Isotti, Agawam, at a gala affair held in their honor at Alexander's Banquet Room, Feeding Hills, on Friday evening, December 7th. The bride-to-be will be receiving her degree in business management from AIC in May. Mr. Isotti is the owner and manager of Tony's Famous Barber Shop. A September wedding is planned. Pictured, from left - Mr. & Mrs. Tillio Isotti; Dino Isotti and Tina M. DePalma; and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph DePalma.

Christmas Cantata At Valley Community

"The Fullness Of Time," a Cantata with narrative written by Reverend Robert Murray and music of various composers collected by Pat Murray, choir director, will be presented at the Morning Worship Service, Sunday, December 23rd, at 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Murray will tell the story of the coming of Christ as the Sanctuary Choir presents the story in music. The Fourth Advent Candle will be lit by the children of the church. An Open House will be held at the parsonage in the afternoon, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, the Candlelight Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate families with small children. It will be a service of carols with a special Christmas narrative on "Peace" will be given by Reverend Murray with solos and duets by Pat Murray and Suzanne Morgan.

The public is invited to all services at the church, located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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Family Worship At Ag. United Methodist

An All-Family Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 23rd, at the Agawam United Methodist Church will be highlighted by a "Manger Building" Children's Story.

As Phyllis Vogel reads the Christmas story, children will bring forward Mary and Joseph, sheep, shepherds, and cows until the entire manger scene is created. The Sanctuary Choir will sing a Christmas Anthem under the direction of Love Ashton.

Pastor Laurence Hill will preach on "The Creed Behind All Creeds." The Advent candles will be lit by Debbie & Paul Bachini and their children, Danielle and Michael.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will also be held. At 7:00 p.m., there will be a family service and the traditional 11:00 p.m. Communion Service will also take place.

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METAMORPHOSIS:
A minister's view...
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Pastor, Valley Community

The Real Christmas St. Luke 2:11

"Wanta buy a previously owned Christmas tree?" Don't laugh... For that kind of mentality was used to measure the success of Christmas again this year.

On the evening news we heard it. "Major Department Store, Inc. (names excluded to protect the innocent) again reported a record buying season." "'Tis the season to be buying..."

I want to offer you a little different yardstick for measuring Christmas success.

If, this year just gone, you were able to bring a smile to the face of a youngster—then your Christmas was a success.

If your heart was strangely warmed (even temporarily) with a joy filled warmth—then Christmas visited you.

If you felt a spiritual kind of love for all of God's creation—then you have gained great wealth.

If in momentary pause you reflected that maybe there is something more, after all, to Christmas than myth—then you have discovered a miracle.

If you cared...if you shared...then it was a record making year.

Then...your Christmas was a success.

And if you carried the wonder of it all into this new year—then all good things are possible for you in the year ahead.

Gifts

St. Matthew 2:1-11

Something very wonderful must have entered into the hearts of wandering shepherds and a magnificent magi some 20 hundred years ago. For only a miraculous sort of something would explain their actions.

Only a miracle would motivate them to leave their work—to give of what they had—to kneel in adoration before a babe in a cow's stall.

It was not (and is not) the way of the rational world.

But, it is the way of God. God presents Himself in everyday events. He causes us to reach beyond ourselves. His coming into the affairs of men is always a Gift. Our receiving Him always motivates us to give in small measure in return.

The great gift of a babe who was both of this earth and also a conception of God...The Christ, who had His feet on the ground but His mind always stayed on the ways of God...Christ-mas was the Father's greatest gift to mankind.

It is time now that we receive Him.

The James Bodurtha Family Announces Birth Of Son

James K. & Deborah J. Bodurtha of West Springfield are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kevin James, born November 9th at Wesson Women's Hospital, Springfield. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 22 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Jack & Charlotte Bodurtha of Agawam.

Maternal grandparents are Will & Leta Howes of West Springfield. Maternal great-grandmother is Ruth Ray of West Springfield.

Christmas Canata At F.Hills Congregational

Christmas at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will feature a Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. The Choir will present a joyous and reverent story of Christmas in word and song. Join us for this celebration of this Holy Season.

A Candlelight Worship will be held on Christmas Eve at 6:30 and 11:00 p.m. Franklin Taplin will be guest organist at the 6:30 p.m. worship. Margaret Johnson, church organist, will play for the 11:00 p.m. worship.

Everyone is welcome to share in this special time of giving thanks as we celebrate this holy event of our faith—a humble, little noticed, birth in Bethlehem.

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KRISTEN ANNE SMUS

Kristen Anne Smus To Wed Jeffrey Castonguay

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He is the son of Beverly Castonguay of Agawam and Louis Castonguay of Springfield.

The bride-to-be is employed as an analyst at the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Windsor, Connecticut.

Her fiance is employed in computer operations at Hamilton Standard, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. An October 1991 wedding is planned.

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1st Class Eddie E. Dowry Arrives For Duty In Belgium

Army Sergeant 1st Class Eddie E. Dowry, a practical nurse with the 7th Medical Command, has arrived for duty in Mons, Belgium.

Dowry is the son of Hazel M. Dowry of 2530 Dacia Lane, St. Louis, Missouri.

His wife, Elaine, is the daughter of Edmond R. & Veronica Francis of 69 South Alhambra, Agawam.

He is a 1973 graduate of Mehlville Senior High School, Missouri.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT PUBLISH between Christmas and New Year's. Our next edition will be Thursday, January 3rd. Deadline for this edition is Wednesday, January 2nd at noontime.

Agawam's Fantastic 4-Hers Elect New Officers

The Fantastic 4-Hers of Agawam recently elected officers for the 1990-91 club year. They are Bridget Pond, president; Noah Bertone-Gross, vice-president; Jillian Rouvellat, recording secretary; Corrie Antaya, corresponding secretary; Andrew Pond, treasurer; Kimberly Sullivan, recreation coordinator.

Leaders of the club are: Sharon Antaya, clothing; Patricia Bertone-Gross, crafts; Debra Pond, foods/nutrition, fitness; Maryellen Sullivan, clothing, foods/nutrition, fitness; Rick Sullivan, rocketry, fitness.

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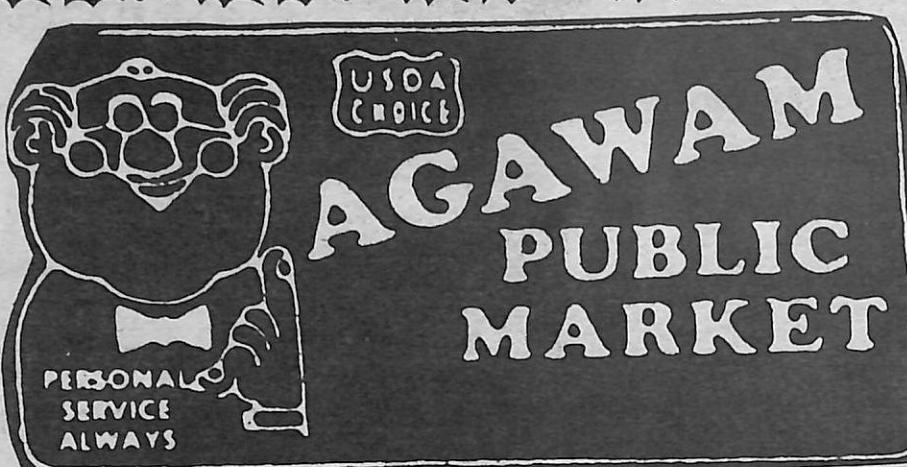
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St. John's Children Send Cards To Hospital



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On Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 11:00 p.m., the church will have its Candlelight Service. Come join in Christian fellowship on this special night.

Reverend Floyd C. Bryan, pastor emeritus of the Agawam Congregational Church, will be the guest speaker on Sunday, December 30th, at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Marty & Carol-Ann Andruss Announce Birth Of Daughter

Marty & Carol-Ann Andruss of Feeding Hills announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Ellen Andruss, born on December 6th at Providence Hospital, Holyoke. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Carol Aiken of West Springfield and Albert Sinico of Florida.

Paternal grandparents are Rose & Eugene Andruss of Feeding Hills.

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"Evening Of Song" Performed At Sacred Heart



THE ANNUAL "Evening of Song" was performed by Sacred Heart Church choir members on Sunday evening, December 16th. Choir members are pictured above. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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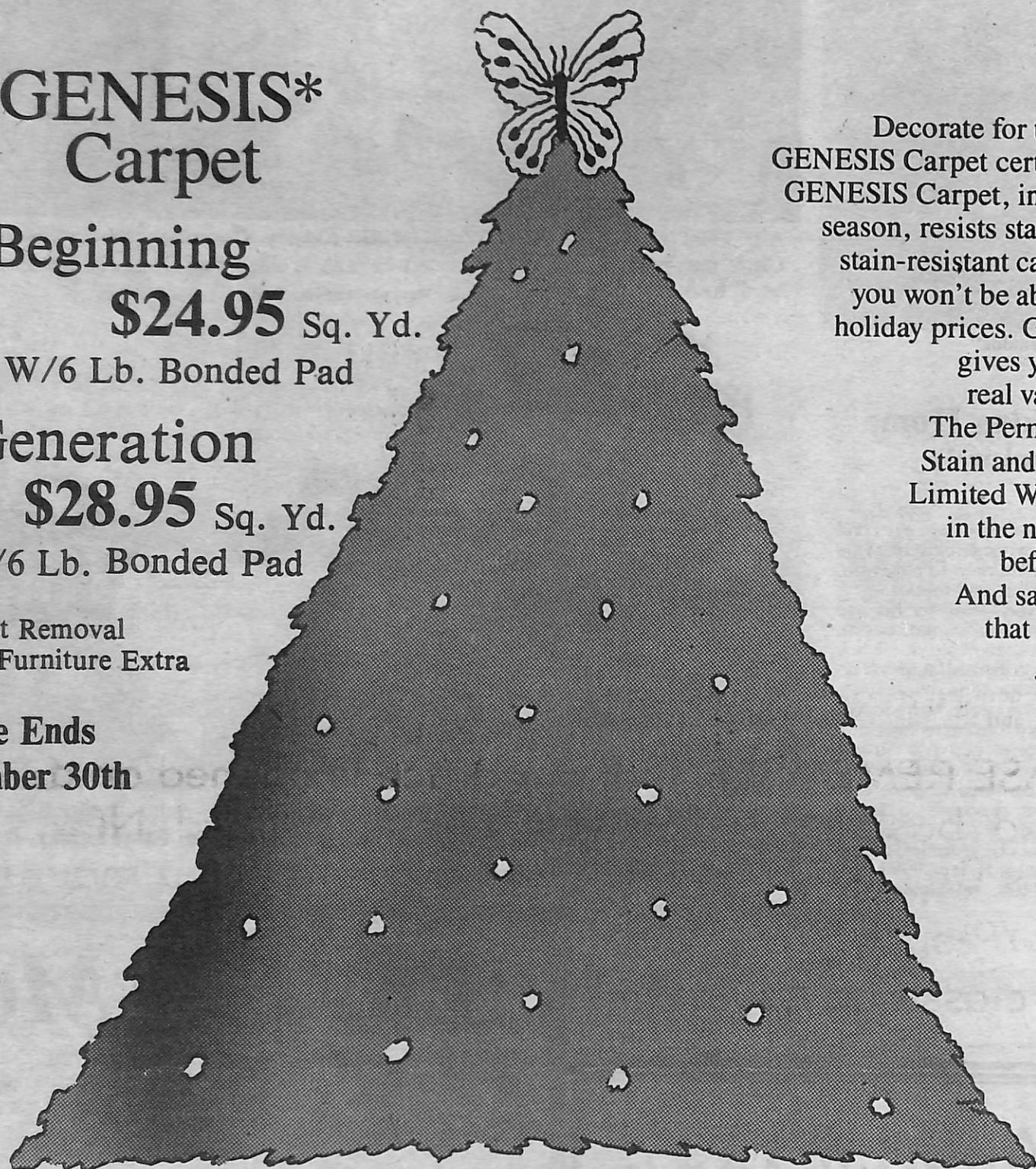
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Christmas Party At Danahy Elderly Complex



CLAYTON "Junior"



AT THE DANAHY SCHOOLHOUSE Elderly Complex, the residents enjoyed a gala Christmas party last week. From left - Frank Weld, Ethel Dugan, June Parker, Marge Tronconi, and Frank Downey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THE CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Danahy Schoolhouse Elderly Complex are, from left - Romeo Quenneville, Lena Zambelli, Josi Weld, Ethel Lemay, Brenda Hallaman, and Paul Beaulieu. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Downey Side Seeking Home For Clayton ("Junior")

Clayton, often called Junior, has big brown eyes and dimples. Clayton has been in foster care for most of his life, where he has not only other children to play with, but lots of pets, such as dogs, cats, and rabbits.

Although Junior is 16, he is very small for his age and much behind-grade level. He has limited speech, but makes his needs known with special signs. He has a good sense of humor, and has a joyous laugh which is heard often when he watches cartoons.

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THE FORMER KATHERINE DANAHY SCHOOL, now the Danahy Schoolhouse Elderly Complex, held its Christmas Party last week. Helping to hostess the party included, from left - Eleanor Abair, Phyllis Mason, Rita LaFleur, Zelda Downey, and Joanne Beltrandi.

RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. David's Church Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 23rd: 8:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite I.

Sunday, December 23rd: 9:00 a.m., Advent Bible Study, Pastor's Study.

Sunday, December 23rd: 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

Sunday, December 23rd: 11:30 a.m., "The Greening of the Church"—decorating and tidyng the Nave, and singing carols to prepare for His day.

Monday, December 24th: The Celebration of Christmas Eve. 10:00 a.m., Special Eucharist for the elderly and infirm. Brief Eucharist, music and Homily. Transportation provided. Call the Parish Office, 786-6133.

Monday, December 24th: 5:00 p.m., Children's and Family Eucharist, Christmas Pageant, setting of the Creche Figures. Food and money ingathering for the needs. Gifts for all children in attendance. The Junior Choir, Hallie Cowan, director; Norma Turcotte, organist. Nursery care provided.

Monday, December 24th: 11:00 p.m.,

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Candlelight Eucharist. The Senior Choir, Walter Kelley, director; Norma Turcotte, organist.

Tuesday, December 25th: The Celebration of Christmas Day. 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist. Brief service and Homily.

To enjoy the 12 Days of Christmas, we invite you to join us at:

Weekend Services, December 29th and 30th: The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 5:00 p.m.; The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, at 8:00 a.m.; The Family Eucharist, Rite II, at 10:00 a.m. for the whole family. Lessons and carols and all services.

Epiphany Services, January 5th and 6th: Ring out the season as we follow the Wise Men to Bethlehem.



FROM THE PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

A Present For Jesus...

As you bustle about getting your Christmas presents for your loved ones, take a moment to consider:

If you could get a present for Jesus, what would it be?

Last year some young friends of mine suggested the following: A home to live in; peace on earth; food enough for everyone; a friend; some toys; clean air and water; anything He likes.

As I search the Scriptures, and consider the great distance that Jesus came to live with us, and the great price He paid on the cross so that we could live with Him now and for ever, I realize something:

The best present we can give to Jesus is ourselves.

The question of what to give Jesus this year is not hypothetical, and its answer is the same, year after year. *Jesus wants you. You are the special present Jesus wants this Christmas.*

You see, Jesus once asked His Father for a special present: *you*. He prayed, "Father, I want these people that you have given me to be with me in every place that I am." He wants you to present yourself to Him this Christmas, that He may forgive your sins, draw you into His love, and fill you with His power to live a holy life.

Don't disappoint Him. Give Him the very best: your self.

Santa Arrives By Air At Polish American Club

By helicopter, Santa Claus arrived at the Polish Club at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 16th, to the delight of 200 children who were out to greet him.

Santa's first stop was to hand out gifts to the children of Agawam firemen at the Polish American Clubhouse. His second stop was the Polish Club Pavilion where 166 children were being entertained in a sing-a-long by Mark Wiener and Gary Brodeur, a professional ventriloquist.

Needless to say, Christmas is for children.

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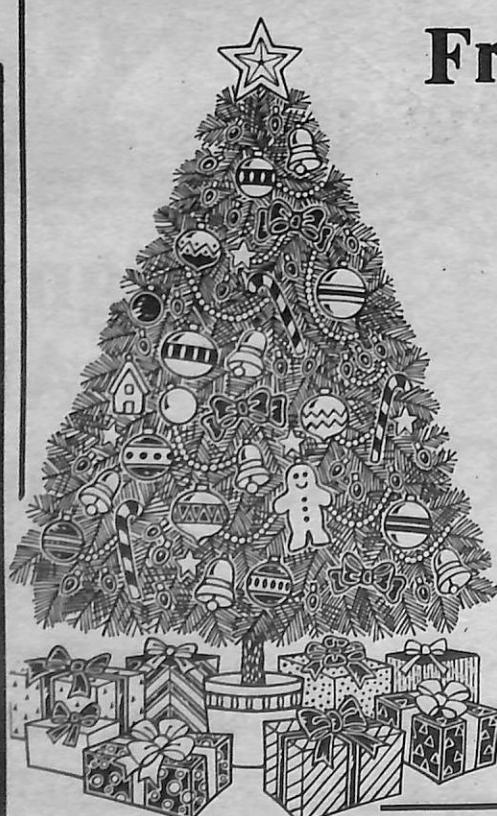
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Senior Center's January Calendar

January 2nd, Wednesday: No podiatry this day (Dr. Haynes on vacation).

January 4th, Friday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Diabetic Screening, by appointment.

January 7th, Monday: 9:00 a.m., Mercy Hospital Hearing Van, free screening, by appointment.

January 8th, Tuesday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., S.H.I.N.E., by appointment.

January 8th, Tuesday: 11:30 a.m., Birthday Recognition.

January 11th, Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Podiatry with Dr. Salem.

January 15th, Tuesday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., S.H.I.N.E., by appointment.

January 15th, Tuesday: 1:00 p.m., "Video-P.M.," Room No. 5. Movie, "Pretty Woman," special activity.

January 15th, Tuesday: 1:00 p.m., Blood Pressure, A-Z.

January 17th, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Foot Nurses, by appointment.

January 17th, Thursday: 12:30 p.m. special program. Topic: Living Wills and Power of Attorney with Mayor Christopher Johnson and Town Solicitor Attorney Thomas Locke.

January 18th, Friday: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Office Hours with Representative Michael Walsh.

January 21st, Monday: Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observed.

January 22nd, Tuesday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., S.H.I.N.E., by appointment.

January 22nd, Tuesday: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., free Legal Consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan.

January 25th, Friday: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., conversation with Councilwoman Joanne Willis.

January 28th, Monday: 9:00 a.m., Mercy Hospital Hearing Van, free screening, by appointment.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT PUBLISH between Christmas and New Year's. Our next edition will be Thursday, January 3rd. Deadline for this edition is Wednesday, January 2nd at noontime.

*Happy 30th
Christmas,
Happy 30th
Birthday
Cheryl*



Love,
Mom, Dad, Lisa, And Mary

January 29th, Tuesday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., S.H.I.N.E., by appointment.

January 29th, Tuesday: 12:30 p.m., special program with Dr. Katherine Schlaffer, "Spinal Care."

Saturday Night Bingo every Saturday. "Light Lunch Kitchen" opens at 5:45 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m., and the doors open at 5:15 p.m. Bingo is open to all seniors 60 and over.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Income tax preparers (courtesy of AARP) will be back again to serve your needs beginning Wednesday, February 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This service will run to the week before tax deadline in April. This service is by appointment only.

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER

Friends Membership Drive is on for 1991! Have you renewed your membership yet? Memberships can be renewed through the Senior Center Ticket Booth daily 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CLASS REGISTRATION

Class registration for winter-spring semester is scheduled for January 29th, 30th, 31st, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The lineup is as follows: Mondays: knitting, painting, line dancing. Tuesdays: exercise, knitting, sewing, ladies' pool, community TV production. Wednesday: painting, creative greeting cards. Thursdays: exercise, country crafts. Fridays: cards for fun, duplicate bridge.

1991 Special Activities

Here is something new, try it on for size! From January to December, there will be a new activity every month on the third Tuesday which will be offered right after lunch. On Tuesday, January 15th, our first special activity will be "Video-P.M.," featuring "Pretty

Woman." The video room will be Room No. 5. Come early for a good seat. This movie is a winner. Watch for our special activity each month. Coming in February will be "Bingo" in the afternoon. Keep in touch.

Special 12:30 p.m. Program

On Tuesday, January 29th, we will welcome Dr. Katherine Schlaffer back for another informative and fun program as she brings you up-to-date on how your spine works and how to take care of it. Mark your calendar now, and come and enjoy Dr. Schlaffer's program.

Thank You!

What a great time everyone had putting on our first special Bake Sale on November 21st. Our deep appreciation goes as follows: To all the bakers who surprised us with their sweet specialties; to our sales staff: Marion Binnenkade, Lois Miodowski, Marie Stevens, and our little friend "Becky." A special thanks to Betty Couture, our Senior Center Cook, for her irresistible cookies, muffins and cake. Our obligation was paid and the balance of the proceeds was donated to the nutrition program. Again, our thanks to all.

WINNERS!

Winners of the Fruit Tray "Raffle" held on November 22nd were Chris Balch, Ida Besaw, Millie Losito, Betty Burke, Betty Kielly, Marie Stevens, Rose Haynes, Gloria MacDonald, Phyllis Fenton, Joe Klundt, and Tillie Colburn. The fruit trays were made and sponsored by Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, especially for our homebound friends and the extra trays were raffled off and the proceeds went back to "Friends." This year's volunteers who joined the fruit tray production line were Laura Dugan, Helen Blanchard, Betty Burke, Rosemary Klundt, Mary & Tom Leahy, Joe Klundt, and Barbara Gingras. A sincere thanks to all.

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Agawam Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday, December 24th: 9:30 a.m. brunch. Orange juice; omelette, ham slice, hash browned potatoes, blueberry muffin, fruit cup.

Tuesday, December 25th: Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 26th: Chicken shake and bake, potato puffs, butternut squash, Canadian oat bread, fruited jello.

Thursday, December 27th: Turkey pot-pie (potatoes, carrots, peas, celery, onions), tossed salad, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding.

Friday, December 28th: Breaded scrod, rice Florentine, cauliflower, pumpernickel bread, brownie with nuts.

Monday, December 31st: Liver and onions, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, fresh fruit.

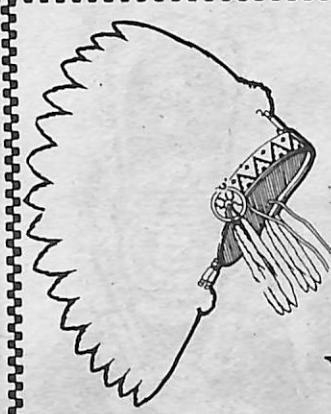
Tuesday, January 1st: New Year's Day.

Wednesday, January 2nd: Strip steak with gravy, oven browned potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, applesauce with raisins.

Thursday, January 3rd: French meat pie, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby Belgium carrots, pumpernickel bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, January 4th: Clam chowder, fish nuggets, rice pilaf, rye bread, prunes.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home at 789-0053. Thanks.



Carol Hallock Happy Birthday

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Golden Age Chapter 2 Enjoy Xmas Party



ENJOYING THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter 2 Christmas Party are (standing, back row) Eleanor Carney, Russell Lake, Virginia Lake, Irene Lariviere, and Rene Lariviere. Seated - Tom Carney, Hjordis Schlagel, George Schlagel, Marge Conway, and Ken Conway. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter 2 members at their Annual Christmas Party. Back row, from left - Mike Spinelli, Frank Paradiso, William Lawlor, Thelma Ryan, and Charlie Ryan. Seated - Mary Spinelli, Dolly Morassi, Betty Brown, Millie Parisien, and Lee Dixon. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AT THE RECENT AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter 2 Christmas Party, organist Vera Conway and the voices of Delores Morassi, Bernice Burton, Mary Spinelli, and Lee Dion entertained the large crowd. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Golden Age Club Calendar Of Events

January 2nd: Chapter 2—Regular meeting cancelled.

January 4th: Chapter 1—Board of Directors' meeting at the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m.

January 9th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with a New Year's Festival.

January 11th: Chapter 2—Dinner Board of Directors' meeting.

January 16th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

January 23rd: Chapter 1—Regular

meeting at 1:30 p.m., with a special Birthday Party for Amelia Rivers.

Rose Turns 98



ROSE DYMERSKI recently celebrated her 98th birthday with family and friends at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Obituaries

Anne V. MacDonald

Anne V. (Gaynor) MacDonald, 85, of 110 Main Street, a retired 43-year dental assistant and office manager for Dr. Paul J. McKenna Orthodontic Associates, died this past Monday in Plymouth. She retired in 1968.

Born in Hartford, she lived in Springfield most of her life, and was graduated from Cathedral High School. She lived in this town from 1972.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of its Catholic Women's Club. She was also a member of the Springfield Catholic Women's Club, the Catholic Daughters of American, the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, the Friends of Sisters of St. Joseph, and the Marian Retreat League.

She leaves a nephew, Dr. Martin F. Gaynor of Plymouth, and two nieces, Jean Fouche of Indian Orchard and Ann C. Gaynor of Chicopee.

The funeral will be Saturday morning at Ratell Funeral Home of Indian Orchard, and in the church. Burial will be at Mount St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT.

Calling hours will be Friday afternoon and evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund at 823 Main Street, Box 589, Agawam, MA 01001, or the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mont Marie, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Myron I. Miller

Myron "Mike" I. Miller, 88, of 61 Cooper Street, and formerly of Porter Lake Drive, Springfield, the owner of the former Miller's Restaurant, an East Springfield night club, died on Monday at home.

He operated the business from 1944 to 1967.

He was also a self-taught marqueterian (the old European art of elaborate decorative work), and received many awards and wide-spread recognition in the United States.

He served in the U.S. 3rd Cavalry from 1920 to 1923, and was a bugler.

He was a former member of the Beth Israel Synagogue, Beth El Temple, and Sinai Temple.

His wife, Bertha (Joseph) Miller, died in 1984.

He leaves a son, Dr. Kenneth Miller of Snyder, New York; a daughter, Marsha Bader of Longmeadow; a brother, Louis Shapiro of Longmeadow; a sister, Helen Shapiro of Longmeadow; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was on Wednesday afternoon at Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel, with burial at Beth El Cemetery in West Springfield.

The memorial observance week was at the 100 Grassy Gutter Road, Longmeadow, home of Marsha Bader.

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Eleanor A. Lambertini

Eleanor A. Lambertini, 67, formerly of Wheeler Avenue, Springfield, a retired 26-year elementary school teacher, died on Tuesday, November 6th, in Mercy Hospital. She taught at the Benjamin Phelps School in Agawam and retired in 1980.

A lifelong resident of Springfield, she was graduated from the High School of Commerce and American International College. She was a communicant and lector of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, and also taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes there. She was a member of the Mount Carmel Women's Guild, the St. Vincent de Paul Women's Auxiliary, and the Massachusetts Retired Teachers Association.

She leaves a sister, Aurelia "Lena" McGrady of East Longmeadow, and a niece and nephew.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Endowment Fund, 123 William Street, Springfield, MA, 01105.

John J. Fecowicz

John J. Fecowicz of 120 Campbell Drive, Agawam, retired 20-year Air Force veteran who served in three wars, died Friday, December 14th, in the Veterans Hospital in the Leeds section of Northampton. He retired from the Air Force in 1960 as a master sergeant and flight engineer after 20 years of service.

He served during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. During World War II, he was in air combat in the Balkans, the Rhineland, and the North Apennines. He was also stationed in Italy and Tripoli, Libya. He parachuted in the Berlin Airlift and was finally stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee until his retirement.

He also worked as a machinist for 10 years at Hamilton Standard, a division of United Technologies, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, he lived in Agawam for the past 30 years. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam. He was a member of the Chicopee Elks Lodge 1849, and the Hampden County Deputy Sheriff Association.

He leaves his wife, the former Norma L. Dgetluck; three sons, Ronald of Agawam, Robert of Campbell, Florida, and Richard of Freeport, Maine; a brother, Stanley and a sister, Celest Exler, both of Sarasota, Florida, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Gift Program at St. Michael's College, Winooski Park, Colchester, Vermont, 05439, or to the St. Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church, Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

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Diane M. McCann

Diane M. (Morgan) McCann, 40, of 53 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, an inspector at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, a division of United Technologies, East Hartford, died Saturday, December 15th, at home. She worked at Pratt & Whitney since 1980.

Born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, she also lived in East Hartford and Enfield. She moved to Agawam 10 years ago. She was a member and former secretary of the Woodford Sno Busters in Vermont.

She leaves her husband, William McCann; a son, Kyle Torsiello and a daughter, Tiffany Torsiello, both at home; her mother, Adele (Skirut) Morgan of Enfield, and two sisters, Cathy Censki and Debbie Belanger, both of Enfield.

The funeral was at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, with burial at the family's convenience. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 570 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

George W. Baptiste

George W. Baptiste, 62, of 35 Suffield Street, Agawam, died Friday, December 14th, in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in New York City, he lived in Warren, and San Diego, California, before moving to Agawam in 1969. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He served in the Marine Corps.

He leaves his wife, the former Jeanne R. Brodeur; three sons, Mark S. of Schenectady, New York, David K. of Feeding Hills, and James J. of Agawam; a daughter, Laura A. Mullen of West Springfield; two brothers, Creswell V. of Chula Vista, California, T. Emmanuel of Berkeley, California; a sister, Veronica Bulfair of Martinez, California; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA, 02194, or the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA, 01105.

Joseph A. Santolin

Joseph A. Santolin, 70, of 44C Pleasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, a retired employee of Smith & Wesson, Inc. of Springfield, died on Sunday, December 9th, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

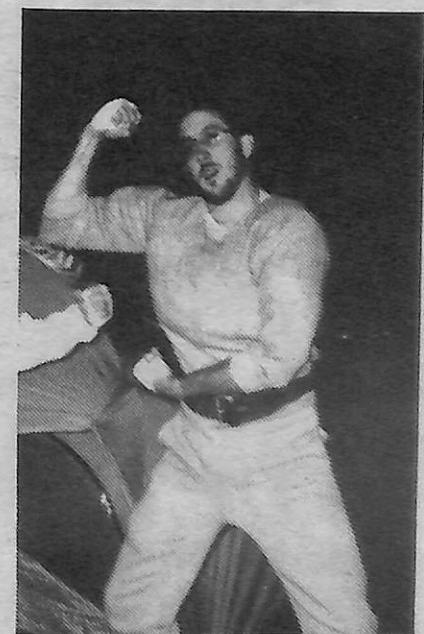
Born in Torrington, Connecticut, he lived in Agawam for many years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and served aboard the USS Frederick Von Steuben, the USS William G. Lee, and the USS Walter F. Kraft.

He leaves his wife, the former Gina DeCao; two sons, Joseph A. Jr. of Springfield and Robert S. of the Jamaica Plains section of Boston; a daughter, Cheryl A. Leon of Feeding Hills; a brother, George of Winsted, Connecticut, and a granddaughter.

The funeral was at LaPorta Funeral Home, and in St. Peter's Church, with burial in St. Francis' New Cemetery, all in Torrington.

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Welcome Home For The Holidays, Glen!



From All Your Friends —

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ANN MARIE AVERY

Ann Marie Avery Graduates From Basic Training

Ann Marie Avery, daughter of Paul & Ida Avery of 20 Robin Lane, Feeding Hills, has graduated from basic training at the R.T.C. Naval Training Center in Orlando, Florida.

After spending Christmas at home with her family, she will return to the Naval Training Center where she will be attending A.T. school.



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Ag. Congregational Church Goes Caroling



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH recently visited Heritage Hall Nursing Home for a night of Christmas Caroling. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM OBITUARIES - continued...

Evelyn M. Cyr

Evelyn M. (Blouin) Cyr, 95, of 1190 Liberty Street, Springfield, a retired secretary at Southworth Paper Company in West Springfield, died Saturday, December 15th, in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Quebec, she lived in Agawam and East Longmeadow for many years, moving to Springfield five years ago. She was a communicant of St. Michael's Church in East Longmeadow. Her husband, Alcide Cyr, is deceased.

She leaves a daughter, Mildred C. Benton of East Longmeadow; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Hafey East Longmeadow Chapels and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA, 02194, or to the Western Massachusetts Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA, 01105.

George D. Richter

George Dave Richter, 61, of Agawam, a supervisor

at Cookson Graphics in Holyoke and a veteran of two wars, died Friday, December 14th, at home. He worked most of his life in supervisory positions in various companies in the area.

He served in the Army and was awarded the World War II victory medal. He also served in the Korean War.

Born in Lynn, he lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1965. He was a member of St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Lola Skobowski of Agawam; four sons, David of Gill, Steven of Feeding Hills, Robert of Springfield's Indian Orchard section, and Ronald of Agawam; two daughters, Sandra Hutchens of Easthampton and Carol Richter at home; eight brothers, Wendall of Chicopee, Ronald and Quentin, both of Hampden, Walter and Denny, both of Arizona, Robert of Springfield, Paul of Wellesley, and Clarence of Ipswich; three sisters, Gail Fee of Longmeadow, Doris Cole of Hooksett, New Hampshire, and Carol Ersing of Maine, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was at Springfield Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in the parish cemetery.

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Heritage Hall News, Notes, & Events

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Kathryn Ann Moynahan

Strolling into a quaint room here at Heritage Hall, we gaze upon a soft emerald chair, end tables, and window shelves filled with memories of pictures, vases, flowers, and special items that give this room a homey and warm feeling. Welcomed to her home we settled to relax and discuss the past history of her family, friends, and events of Kathryn.

When offered a chocolate and made comfortable we continued to talk about special people in Kathryn's life. She very eagerly pulled a few photo albums from her shelf for us to look through. From one to another we looked as she shared her special friends and family, particular vacation spots, and eventful memories that these photographs instigated.

A portion of our conversation consisted of the making of a personal tree, similar to a diagram of a family tree so often seen. This is a unique method of taking information and receiving a particular perspective of one's life, eliminating the coldness an interview might give at times. Never will information written down on a piece of paper replace a warm talk and friendly chat with a dear friend, but we hope you will see through our eyes and with Kay's, to see some of the events, likes, backgrounds, and enjoyments that was shared on a special day last month.



KATHRYN MOYNAHAN
"Resident of the Week"

Kathryn Ann was one of three children, having a brother, Harold, and a sister, Mae. She was born in Springfield, attended Sacred Heart School and Technical High School. She married John Moynahan on September 7th, 1927. Kay also took business courses, designing courses, worked for City Hall of Springfield at Court Square, and also for the New England Telephone Company. She traveled to many places around the world and has many precious memories, places such as Puerto Rico, Florida, and California.



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She enjoys listening to literature and poetry, loves musical appreciation and sing-alongs, knitting as well as other crafts, and is always willing to try out something new! She continues to be a pleasant friend and companion for us all; may we learn to be as open and willing to share our life with those who care. We thank-you, Kay, for sharing a few special details of your life with us.



ANNA GRIGATIS
"Resident of the Week"

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Anna Grigaitis

Anna Grigaitis is a quiet, soft-spoken lady from Chicopee, with a wonderful sense of humor.

Anna worked for many years in the dietary department of Our Lady of the Elms College, which was in walking distance from her home. Previous to that she had worked at Vincent's Steak House.

Anna is the mother of three children—Jane, Dorothy, and Joseph. She enjoys being involved in all activities, especially musical entertainments where she can show off her dancing prowess.

Anna is a very witty, pleasant lady, and we are glad that she has chosen West Building as a place to live.

After The Ball

"After the Ball is Over" were the words sung, beginning our musical sing along with Joan Stack this past month! Joan was a former activities assistant here at Heritage Hall, always willing and ready to compliment our department.

Thus having directed the Rhythm Band, along with

various other activities, Joan was welcomed back to participate in our sing along! Traveling from song to song, "A Bicycle Built For Two" from favorites "In The Good Old Summer Time" to "Memories," we sang to our hearts' content brightening our day to "You Are My Sunshine."

Friendships were rekindled as we heard of Joan's life and experiences, saw her beautiful smile, and felt her tender touch. Many faces reflected the joy of seeing her again.

A special treat we were able to receive not only was the wonderful piano playing, but to hear the beautiful voice of Joan that once graced the ears here at Heritage Hall.

Primarily that golden voice was restricted to the Activities room, but was shared with many of the residents attending this special program. We were able to record some of her singing to allow others who were unable to attend to hear and enjoy! The singing, reminiscing, and musical appreciation was indeed an asset to our activity schedule. It is a treat to have people from our town engaging in our programs, getting to know us and allowing us to get to know them. We thank Joan for her participation and willing spirit.

Holiday Singing



HOLIDAY MUSIC SPECIAL with Jeff Krasner! One of the residents at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Agnes Pinney, and staff member Alice Buell, joined in with singing and dancing to celebrate the holiday season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MR. & MRS. W. DONALD HUME, JR.

Eva Lynn Goldstein Bride Of W. Donald Hume, Jr.

Eva Lynn Goldstein and W. Donald Hume, Jr. were married on Saturday, November 24th, at The Meeting House in Storroron Village, West Springfield, with Kathleen O'Connor, aunt of the bridegroom, officiating at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Stanley Goldstein of Bristol, Pennsylvania, and Judy & Nicholas Daddona of Hollywood Hills, Florida.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Donald Hume, Sr. of 1121 River Road, Agawam.

Addie Kathleen O'Connor Hume and Michelle Goldstein attended the bride as maids of honor.

Best men were Gerry Hume and Michael Wark. Chris Hume served as usher. Ringbearer and flower girl were Andrea and Merideth Schneider of Morristown, New Jersey.

A reception followed the ceremony at Storroron Tavern. Teresa O'Connor, aunt of the groom, made the wedding cake.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Roger Gove, Michael Wark, Michelle Reynolds, and John Pierce, friends of the bride and groom.

The bride is a graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School and Westfield State College. She is a Chapter 1 teacher for the Belchertown School System.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Agawam High School, and is completing his teaching practicum at Westfield State College.

The couple are residing in Springfield.

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MICHELLE A. LEVASSEUR is engaged to MR. ANTHONY J. NATALE, JR.

Michelle A. Levasseur Engaged To Anthony Joseph Natale, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Levasseur of 7 Morningside Drive, Laconia, New Hampshire, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann Levasseur, to Anthony Joseph Natale, Jr.

He is the son of Anthony J. Natale, Sr. and the late Pauline Natale of 144 Andrew Lane, Hanson, Massachusetts, and the grandson of Victoria Natale of 64 Federal Street Extension, Agawam.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Laconia High School, and a 1988 graduate of Bentley College with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. She is a corporate internal auditor for TJX Companies, Inc. in Framingham.

Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of Whitman-Hanson High School, and a 1988 Bentley College graduate with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He is a senior accountant for Duracraft Corporation in Sudbury.

The wedding has been set for May 18th, 1991.

All the local news with us, every week!!!

"Mid Winter Fantasy" In Ag. New Year's Eve

"Mid Winter Fantasy," an original story by the Gerwick Puppets will be presented at St. John's Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. on December 31st as part of the Mid Winter Night program, sponsored by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council.

Roberta Lasnik, Deborah Costine, and Larry Gerwick founded the group in 1974 and have presented over 2,000 performances at schools, libraries, and museums. They also have given workshops on the construction of puppets to elementary school children. The three entertain with elaborate fantasy and a great deal of humor. Audience participation adds to the success of the program.

The Mid Winter Night celebration will be held in the Agawam Center area. Programs will be presented at the Agawam Congregational Church, the Agawam Baptist Church, St. John's Parish Hall, the Captain Charles Leonard House, and the Agawam Center Library building, headquarters of the event.

Badges for admittance to all events are now sale at the Westfield Savings Bank, Agawam Town Hall, Agawam Food Mart, and Ames Department Store. The badges will also be available at the Agawam Center Library building December 27th, 28th, 29th, and 31st, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and also the evening of the event.

Leonard House Hosts New Year's Eve Fling

Agawam's New Year's Eve celebration, Mid Winter Night, will present Rick and Joan Marcil and David Jost in a performance of show tunes, jazz and popular music at the Captain Charles Leonard House. The programs will take place at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Joan Marcil is a well-known performer having performed with area opera companies as a singer and also in concert. She is director of Music at St. George's Cathedral. Rick Marcil, singer and keyboard artist is a member of St. George's Cathedral Choir and has been playing with area music groups since 1978. Both he and woodwind player, David Jost, are members of Fifth Avenue, a Westboro-based band. Jost is director of Music at Westboro High School and performs on various woodwind instruments.

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Season's Greetings!



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Spotlight On Business

Season's Greetings From Cheers Package Store



THE CHMIELEWSKI FAMILY of Agawam are the new owners and operators of Cheers Package Store on Springfield Street in Agawam. IN PHOTO LEFT, Angela Chmielewski has plenty of holiday gift baskets on hand - the baskets make nice gifts; IN CENTER PHOTO, Dorothy Chmielewski says the store has plenty of holiday liquors available (festively boxed); IN PHOTO RIGHT, Kristin Chmielewski was around to mention that there is plenty of soda in stock for any holiday gathering. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Peg has her Graduate Realtors Institute certificate and has also completed all of the requirements toward being a Certified Residential Specialist. Only 3 percent of the Realtors in the country have achieved this designation.

She has been associated with Lewis & Arnold for four years.

Peg and her children have resided in Feeding Hills for 19 years.

If you have any real estate needs presently or in the future, contact Peg Ryan, as she is ready to service your real estate requirements.

Heritage Bank Enters Into Agreement With State & Federal Banking Regulators

Heritage Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:HNIS) announced that its sole subsidiary, Heritage Bank for Savings, has entered into a consent agreement with federal and state banking regulators. Heritage had previously disclosed that it was in discussions with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation concerning certain measures to be taken by the Bank in response to the FDIC's most recent Report of Examination.

Under the agreement, the Bank consented to the issuance by the FDIC of a formal regulatory order which calls for Heritage to take actions to increase its regulatory capital ratio. In addition, under the order, the Bank is required to reduce its levels of non-performing assets, modify lending and collection policies and procedures, reduce its reliance on certain types of borrowings and deposits, maintain higher levels of liquidity, and refrain from paying cash dividends on the Bank's stock without prior regulatory approval.

At the same time that Heritage entered into the consent agreement, the FDIC approved the Bank's capital plan, which had been submitted in early December. Under the approved capital plan, Heritage has agreed to take specific steps over the next two and one-half years to increase its regulatory capital ratios, reduce dependence on certain types of funding liabilities and improve its liquidity ratios.

"The Bank and its regulators have common objectives and have agreed on appropriate courses of action

and timetables to achieve those objectives," Chairman Covell explained. "We are hopeful that the actions upon which we have agreed, and which in many cases are well underway, will help to bring Heritage through this difficult time as quickly as possible. It is also important to note that these steps are not expected in any way to impair services to our retail customers."

Looking ahead, Heritage anticipates making additional substantial provisions for estimated losses on loans and foreclosed real estate during the fourth quarter. Additionally, results for the quarter will be adversely affected by loss of interest income, workout expenses, and foreclosure costs associated with Heritage's non-performing assets. As a result the Company is expected to have a loss for the fourth quarter and for the year.

"We continue to take steps to address our asset quality issues which have been further exacerbated by regional economic conditions," Covell said. "However, as we have stated previously, no assurance can be given that, until market conditions improve, there will not be further increases in non-performing assets or declines in collateral values that would necessitate more than customary increases in loan loss reserves or charge-offs in the future."

Heritage Bancorp, Inc. is the holding company of Heritage Bank for Savings. The Bank operates 27 offices in Western Massachusetts. All deposits are fully insured by the FDIC and the Massachusetts Central Fund.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT PUBLISH between Christmas and New Year's. Our next edition will be Thursday, January 3rd. Deadline for this edition is Wednesday, January 2nd at noon. The building will be open New Year's Eve to drop off copy. Leave a message if we can help.

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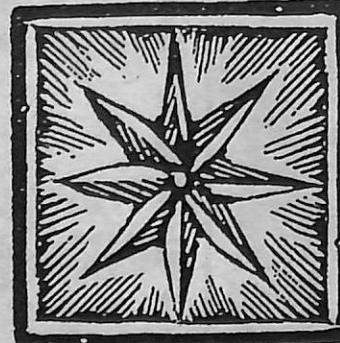
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After December 27, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00~12:00pm & 1:00~3:00pm, Mid Winter Night headquarters:
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BY Drs. Joseph & Katherine Schlaffer - Chiropractors



A Word About Pain

Life can be great when everything is going your way, but sometimes it seems like pain and discomfort go out of their way to make your life miserable.

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Although the term lumbago is commonly applied to all forms of low back pain, it is actually a form of rheumatism which results in severe contraction of one or more of the large muscles in the low back area.

Fatigue, overexertion, and improper lifting may produce this condition. Pinched nerves and problems in the low back can also result in lumbago.

To understand why lumbago can have such a crippling effect, an understanding of the low back area is necessary. While the upper torso is supported and protected by the ribcage, the low back is "on its own." Muscles and ligaments alone support the lumbar vertebrae and help keep them in proper alignment. Yet it is in this flexible area that injury can occur.

Trained in the function of the spine, nerves, and muscles, the Doctor of Chiropractic knows that improper spinal alignment will result in a pinching of the nerves between the vertebrae. When this happens, nerve impulses become blocked or misdirected.

While liniments and pain killers may bring temporary relief to the victim of lumbago, the problem will remain until the cause is eliminated. And chiropractic treatment is aimed at the cause.

Noble Hospital Offers Helpful Tips For Dealing With Xmas Depression

DECIDING BETWEEN IN-LAWS

Because each family has an established Christmas tradition, when people marry, the result is almost always a disruption of Christmas celebrations in both families. For many families, Christmas traditions have almost magical importance. One member of a couple may feel that not participating in a family celebration is too much of a sacrifice. Often, family members pull out the big "guilt guns" to subtly or overtly pressure decisions about where and how to spend the holidays. Methods of compromise include alternating sites of celebrations, the couple hosting other family members, or the couple starting their own holiday traditions. Spouses and parents need to take a realistic viewpoint about how their holiday time is spent and recognize that old traditions almost always must change when marriages occur.

LONELINESS

Christmas is traditionally a time of sharing with those you love. For people who lack a special someone, or who are far away from their loved ones, the problem of loneliness can be acutely painful. In such cases, a person is unlikely to escape all feelings of loneliness, but can avoid being overwhelmed by them. To avoid being inactive and miserable, a person can arrange to get together with old friends, have a special meal, or get involved in an engaging, pleasant activity.

DRINKING TOO MUCH

The best way to handle the question of how much to drink at the various holiday festivities you'll be attending is to avoid pressures. A good host will not pressure his or her guests into drinking. Likewise, problems can be avoided if guests don't drink more than they really want, even when urged on by well-meaning friends. Statistics show that over half of all traffic accidents occurring during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's weekends involve drivers who have been drinking. Remember not to drink on an empty

stomach—and always serve food if you'll be serving alcohol. You also have the option not to drink at all, if that's what you choose.

DIVISION OF LABOR PROBLEMS

In today's family men and women often share household chores more equally than in the past. At holiday time, however, the division of labor seems to be women doing the cooking and cleaning while the men watch football on TV. This is, in part, due to Christmas being a time of great traditions—and tradition has the women in the kitchen. To prevent the development of resentment, family members should agree upon an equitable division of labor for the holidays. Space chores through the season so that no one will be subject to excessive fatigue. This division of labor, agreed upon and upheld by all parties involved, can greatly reduce resentment.

YEAR END BLUES

Christmas is followed by New Year's—a period of summing up the year's events and evaluating accomplishments. Feelings of disappointment or a sense of advancing age may result in feelings of unhappiness which bear some resemblance to "clinical depression." One of the ways that we can deal with this problem is to set new goals for the coming year. If the goals are reasonable, this can be a very helpful and healthy approach. Reasonable goals are ones which are challenging but attainable.

HOLIDAY OBLIGATIONS

Annual holiday projects like making the Christmas card or gift list, or planning a get-together for friends and relatives are looked upon as obligations by some people. The sense of obligation can rob the gift, card, or visit of the holiday spirit it is supposed to convey. Give yourself permission to share the holidays with the friends and family members you really want to see. Accept your limitations and don't expect the "magic" of the holidays to change less-than-perfect relationships.

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DEAR DR. SOBEL: I want to wish you a joyous holiday season. You deserve the best since you add so much to the lives of your readers. I have learned from your columns that we always have opportunities to deal better with the stresses and strains in our lives than we ever thought.

I have learned to see things from a different perspective and also have learned to treat others with how I like to be treated—especially when someone needs me to listen to. You were right when you said in one of your columns that there will always be stress—the trick really is do we create crisis or look at problems as challenges.

I have also been volunteering more for a few different organizations and it is amazing how good I feel about myself as well as adding to the lives of others. Also, let my husband and I know when and if you will be holding any of your seminars in the area. With good cheer and smiles,

H.P., Feeding Hills

COMMENT: Thanks for such a heartwarming letter. I have been receiving quite a few of these lately and they make me feel terrific. You hit on a few important points—the big point is that many times the most effective method to deal with potential stress, is to be able to “see things in a different light.”

What this means really is having the habit and commitment to really try to look at the optimistic side of a situation when it is all too easy to take the pessimistic side. We become our own worst enemies when we choose to be the negative person or the bearer of doom and gloom.

I urge people not to take themselves so seriously—that is, have the ability to laugh at yourself once in a while, especially when you place unrealistic expectations on yourself. Take a nice deep breath and say, “I am competent, worthwhile, and loving even if I am not able to complete everything I set out to do.” This phrase works wonders, especially at moments when negative stress is on the rise. Have a joyous and healthy holiday season and keep writing to Dr. Sobel! **Next Seminar:** Title “The Real Power of Laughter, Humor, and Positive Mental Attitude.”

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by Agawam Health Dept.

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After viral infection has seemingly run its course and the person is beginning to feel better, the following symptoms should be treated serious and as possibly the first indication of the disease. The symptoms usually occur in the following order:

1. Relentless or continuous vomiting.
 2. Listlessness.
 3. Drowsiness.
 4. Personality change.
 5. Disorientation or confusion.
 6. Combativeness.
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your physician immediately and if not available take the person to an emergency room promptly. Since symptoms are unfamiliar to many health professionals, voice your concern about Reye's Syndrome—there is a 90 percent chance of recovery when the syndrome is treated in its earliest stages by experienced personnel. Surveys indicate a 33 percent mortality rate and of those who survive, 10-25 percent suffer brain damage which can vary from slight loss of I.Q. to total paralysis.

Another important factor is to consult your physician, etc., before using any drugs, particularly aspirin or combination aspirin products, or anti-nausea medicines. Recent studies have shown a link between the use of aspirin and the development of the disease. Aspirin is another name for acetylsalicylate, acetylsalicylic acid, salicylic acid, or salicylate. It is recommended that any type aspirin product not be taken by anyone under 19 years of age during fever causing illness. Also, the use of anti-nausea medicines may mask the disease symptoms and prevent early detection.

For a free brochure on this disease you may write to the following: National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 829, Bryan, Ohio, 43506, Toll Free, 1-800-233-7393.

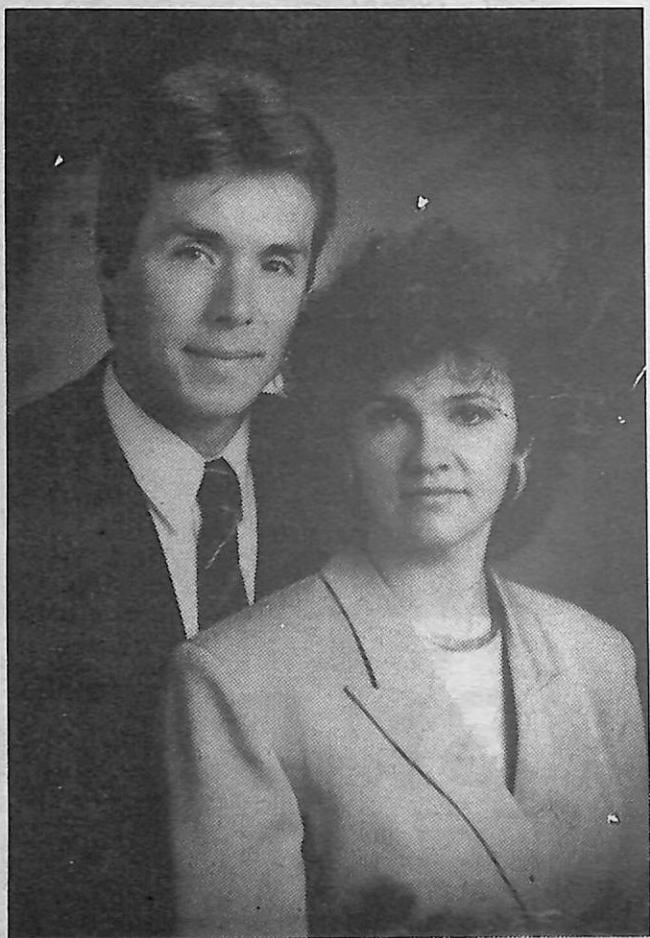
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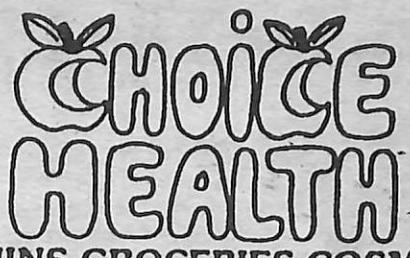
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Dr. Michael Weiner, editor of the *Herbal Healthline*, Vol. 1 No. 3, reports that the two *Turnera* species which yield Damiana are small shrubs indigenous to southern California, Mexico, and Antilles. The leaves are reputedly aphrodisiac, and have also been utilized for tonic, stimulant, and laxative purposes.

"Damiana acquired a reputation for curing sexual impotence; however, in these treatments it was

generally administered in conjunction with a more powerful stimulant, so it is difficult to assess the degree to which damiana alone contributed to the results. In Mexico, the leaves are used as a substitute for Chinese tea.

"Damiana is one of the most popular and safest of all plants claimed to have an aphrodisiac effect. Although some sources claim that caffeine is present in this plant, we have been unable to substantiate this claim from an exhaustive search of the literature. There are no animal experiments that have been reported which would lead one to believe that damiana has an aphrodisiac effect. This is a plant that needs and deserves a careful chemical and pharmacological study."

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Fialky explains that instead of sending individual holiday greetings to friends, family, and associates, a donation may be made to the American Cancer Society giving added meaning to the custom by making donors a part of the ongoing fight against cancer.

The names of contributors will be published in the *Springfield Union* newspaper on Saturday, December 15th, along with a special holiday greeting.

"Last year we received \$5,000 in contributions to the 'In Lieu of Holiday Greetings' event," Fialky says. "This year we hope to raise \$6,000 to continue our support of the American Cancer Society's patient services programs in the Greater Springfield area. Among the services offered here," states Fialky, "is the Road to Recovery transportation program to treatment for cancer patients. Another program is the Reach to Recovery program for breast surgery patients. Both programs are part of The American Cancer Society Volunteer services to cancer patients in our community."

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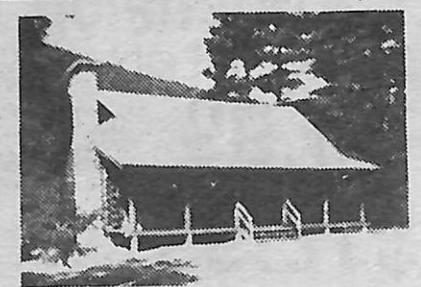
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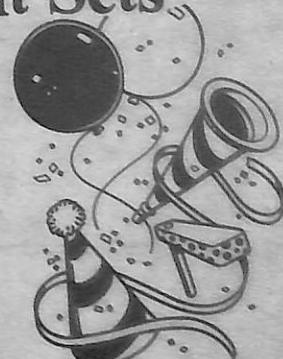
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This Week At The MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Edward Scissorhands

Suspend reality and imagine the world is a blank white canvas.

Director Tim Burton took that blank white canvas and upon it created his own fantasy world culled from decades of stereotypes and two generations of nostalgia a la *Donna Reed* or *Leave It To Beaver*.

His canvas is colored with a 1950's style KTV homes development where all grass is a closely cropped green, the shrubs are just coming into their own, the trees haven't started yet, and all homes are chosen from a palette of four colors: yellow, orangey-red, blue and green. The tract of land is flat and the sky is always blue. And, rising up ominously in the backdrops is a craggy mountain with a mysterious castle-like mansion that could be home to the likes of Barnabas Collins, Dracula, or Vincent Price...but I'll get to him later.

This is in fact the setting into which Burton drops the newest anti-hero: Edward Scissorhands.

Johnny Depp (of *21 Jump Street* fame) plays this ghastly, ghoulish character who admits candidly that "he isn't done yet." He's the Frankenstein-style creation of a benevolent mad scientist (now we get to Vincent Price) who took the trouble to teach Edward to be soft-spoken, gentle, kind, and mannerly. There's only one problem: Price dies before he has the chance to give Edward real hands. (Suspending reality also refers to any attempt at figuring out why this scientist used scissors for hands in the first place.)

From this surrealistic world emerges a culture of busybody neighbors, pre-feminist personalities, and an eclectic blend of '50's, '60's, '70's and '80's culture. Namely, VCR's and bigscreen TV's mixed with bell-bottom pants and 1950's tract housing...you get the idea.

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JOHNNY DEPP IS "Edward Scissorhands," and Winona Ryder is Kim Boggs, a young woman overwhelmed by Edward's charms.

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Into this mix add Diane Weist as the world's most intrepid Avon lady, bravely storming the castle to make a sale. She stumbles into Edward, and decides to take him home and keep him.

From that point, it's a melange of humor and pathos as Edward struggles with modern life—with using a knife and fork with scissorhands; with dressing in normal clothes; with sleeping on a waterbed.

And then there's love. Winona Ryder (in a blond wig) is the adolescent daughter who is first terrified by Edward, then subsequently embarrassed, sympathetic to, and finally in love with him.

Edward is not the stuff middle America clings to, however, and what could be compared to racial or ethnic discrimination and preconception raises its ugly head and thinks the worst, forcing this man-made youth back to the castle from whence he came.

The musical scoring is incredible, lending a mystical magic to what could easily have been a cinematic disaster. Burton, however, holds all the pieces together in an exquisite meld that enchants those who allow themselves free rein on their imaginations.

Within this 1990's fairy tale is a character with unique artistry and whimsy, as evidenced in his "shrubbery sculptures and 21st-century hair sculpting."

Edward Scissorhands is the kind of film you love or hate on sight. Allow yourself the chance to suspend your reality and jump into Edward's for an hour or two. You won't be sorry.

—Mermaids

Cher brings a new kind of madness and mayhem to small-town New England circa 1963 in her latest film, *Mermaids*. As Rachel, mother of two, she has fine-tuned the art of running away from unpleasantness in any form and avoiding relationships of any kind that require commitment. Hence, her daughters have never finished a year in the same school, with the same friends, or in the same house, city, county, or state.

She's a vamp whose bizarre wardrobe, svelte figure, and exotic make-up attract men like...well, you get the idea.

Enter Bob Hoskins as the unlikely suitor who woos and probably wins her hand (though one can't really know for sure). Hoskins is short, stocky, hairy, balding, and wonderful every moment he's on screen. His eyes mirror the emotions as he works his way into the lives of two girls, if not their cynical mom.

Winona Ryder is the adolescent daughter on the brink of womanhood, testing the waters of her sexuality while clinging in desperation to anything that reels

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of stability: her current obsession is Catholicism, though mom doesn't hesitate to remind her she is Jewish.

It's a mix and match of personalities with Cher as a self-centered, domineering mom who loves but can't show it. Ryder blends a marvelous mix of humor, wistfulness, and wonder as she stumbles through her teenage years. Christina Ricci, as the younger sibling, steals the show out from under all the mega-stars with her carefree and uninhibited performance as ... a child! She's a joy to watch.

Mermaids is as much a coming-of-age for mom as it is for the girls, and Hoskins is the catalyst.

Mermaids is not of the caliber of *Mask* (nothing is), but it's not a bad way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

—Havana

Robert Redford returns to the screen in *Havana*, an overly long if beautifully filmed love story that is nonetheless unsatisfying because it seems to be divided in two.

One half is the love interest; the other half is revolution in Cuba circa 1958.

Redford meets Lena Olin on the boat to Havana, bailing her out of a sticky smuggling fiasco and finding himself for the first time head over heels in love. The woman of his dreams, however, is married to a revolutionary (Raul Julia).

Were it not for high school history and having lived through the afteryears of this newsworthy revolution, trying to keep the players straight would have required a score card.

Havana plays like a Cuban *Sting*, but without the overall charm and sense of humor which that other, earlier multi-lined plot had.

Redford is as easy on the eyes as Olin, but even they can't save this film, which is admittedly beautiful and well-acted but ultimately unsatisfying.

—Look Who's Talking Too

On my list of the year's worst, I have a new addition ... *Look Who's Talking Too*.

John Travolta and Kirstie Alley team up again as the parents of the precocious Mikey (voice of Bruce Willis) and his new baby sister, Julie (voiced by Roseanne Barr).

If you can survive the fertilization jokes, the embryonic jokes, the "potty" jokes (completely with a song-and-dance for toilet training in which Alley actually wears the potty on her head), you are made of stronger, sterner, and more invincible stuff than I.

I did stay till the bitter end. It wasn't worth it.

**The Other Little Stable**

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

On the side of a mountain in a log-crafted shed,
Was a very small shepherd, in a straw-scattered bed;
His father, with the flock, on a snow-drifted hill,
Had left him behind, for he pained, and was ill;

But one little lamb tarried that night,
To keep him from loneliness, and being affright;
He snuggled up close to the bed where he lay,
The ground was so cold, he sought the
warmth of the hay;

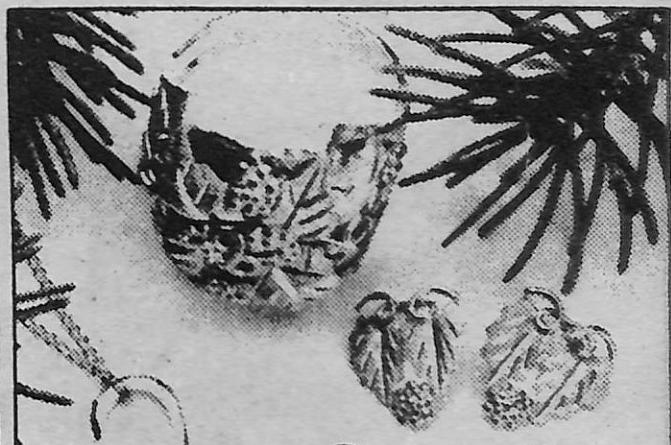
Carolling angels were singing, on high,
As soft, silent flakes, gently fell from the sky;
A star of great brilliance, and luminous rays,
Appeared in the heavens, and the shepherds, amazed;

The lamb's faithful vigil by the boy, he was keeping,
But the star's startling rays, roused the lad
from his sleeping;
Angels were heralding the Babe born that day;
In a stable in Bethlehem, in a crib made of hay;

The shepherds were in awe of the bright Christmas Star,
The Wisemen, on camels, brought gifts from afar;
All the birds of the sky, and the creatures of Earth,
All gathered together, for the Christmas Babe's birth;

The songs of the birds, and soft cries of the sheep,
In choir with the angels, lulled the Baby to sleep;
The warmth of the animals, filled the manger with love,
As Hosannah resounded in the heavens above;

The wee shepherd boy, and the white wooly sheep,
Had visioned this wonder, in the dreams of their sleep;
They awoke to the glory of
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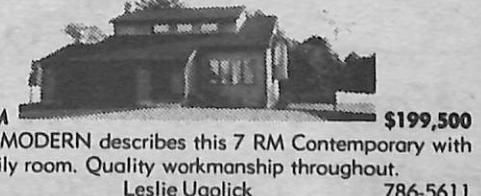
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Indoor Bonsai Trees Being Housed At Decaro Brothers

To many Americans bonsai is synonymous with the movie *Karate Kid*. Indeed the exposure given by the movie is credited with a surge of interest in the art form and the misconception that bonsai is a juniper tree. Bonsai (pronounced bone-sigh) is a Japanese word meaning "shallow pot and tree." Any tree could become a bonsai, but those with small leaves or needles are most appropriate for miniaturizing nature.

These living sculptures are prized as heirlooms in Japan and are willed to the next generation. Some are hundreds of years old and can be worth a million dollars. Historical evidence of this art form dates back to China to A.D. 705 where bonsai are pictured in the tomb of a Tang Dynasty prince. It wasn't until the 13th Century that bonsai became well-known in Japan. The first large numbers of Americans to see bonsai were military and civilian personnel stationed in Japan after World War II. They brought them home. The art of bonsai grew rapidly in the 50's and 60's. Today in the United States there are nearly 300 clubs where members meet monthly for workshops, hear speakers and study the art. Locally there is the Springfield Bonsai Society which has 40 active members. There are regional, national and international conventions and workshops where one can study the art.

People are captivated by them. This appeal stems from their miniaturization, their beauty, the creativity involved and a sense of partnership with nature. Those swept up in this appeal become collectors either through acquisition or making specimens from nursery stock. Some people have become so attached to their trees they have given them names, held birthday parties for them, and sent get-well cards to their trees when recovering at a bonsai hospital in a garden center. They have become "pets."

As a pet, they need to be tended regularly unlike a house plant which needs only to be watered once a week. Hence the perception has arisen that bonsai are hard to grow because owners have treated them like plants not the trees they are. These trees grow naturally outdoors. If you buy a tree which naturally comes from cold climates like ours, it needs to be treated like any tree. It must be allowed to harden in the fall against the coming winter cold and wind. Then it must lie dormant for the winter in a cool but protected place.

The roots of these trees (unlike the ones in the ground) have to be protected from freezing by mulching, placing in a cold frame or a garage. This includes the juniper sold in malls and shops for Christmas. If brought inside it will be very difficult to keep it alive for very long. However, trees which grow naturally in the tropics, as those pictured, can be successfully grown indoors year round.

Since bonsai are grown in a medium which allows excess water to run through and out the holes in the bottom of the pot allowing the roots to receive the required oxygen, frequent watering is necessary. This will vary with the environment. On a hot, breezy summer day, a small tree in a small pot may need to be watered twice a day or more while during cloudy cool days indoors a larger tree may need watering only every three days. If you pay attention to your tree, do not leave it unattended for periods of time and find a suitable place for the bonsai, it will give you many years of enjoyment.

The indoor bonsai pictured are owned by IMBO Bonsai USA, importers and wholesalers from Canandaigua, New York. Their New England representative is Mary Dixon of Suffield. They are housed at DeCaro Brothers Garden Center on Route 57 in Feeding Hills where retail customers may buy them.



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PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT PUBLISH between Christmas and New Year's. Our next edition will be Thursday, January 3rd. Deadline for this edition is Wednesday, January 2nd at noon. The building will be open New Year's Eve to drop off copy. Leave a message if we can help.



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Agawam Repertory Performing In Town On New Year's Eve

As part of the New Year's Eve festivities sponsored by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, the Agawam Repertory Theatre will perform a program consisting of two one-act plays at the Agawam Baptist Church on Main Street. The program will be presented at 8:45 p.m. and again at 10:45 p.m.

The first play of the set is a comic drama by Julie Beckett Crutcher entitled "Approaching Lavendar." Billed as a study of the significance of sisterhood, the work was selected as one of the best short plays of 1984. Two sisters, one sardonic, the other a slightly neurotic housewife, face their soon-to-be stepsister as they wait for their father's latest re-marriage. Polite tolerance degenerates with comic results as inherent tensions mount and the women's conflicted feelings about their parents' remarriage surface. The play will be directed by Arnold Woods, who has directed several major productions for A.R.T. as well as for other area theatre groups.

The second play on the bill is also a comedy, "Almost the Bride of Dracula," by Dennis Snee. In this

farce, poor Count Dracula is 580 years-old, yet still hounded by his mother about finding a nice girl and settling down. We see the Count during interludes with several unbearable damsels, and by the end of this fast, delightful comedy, we realize it will be an uphill climb to find a suitable spouse who will provide Dracula with a toothsome brood of his own. This play will be directed by A.R.T. veteran Lorna Bisson.

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Wages, Incentive Are Horrible in China Another Part In A Continuing Series

The average salary in China is about 200 Yuan (\$40) per month. Some workers, especially young college graduates make less than 200 Yuan, and some workers, usually factory workers, make more than 200 Yuan.

Listed below is a monthly salary of one of my students who graduated in June 1990. His salary is broken down as follows:

Base salary, \$70; bonus, \$38; subsidy for health, \$15; subsidy for living in Beijing, \$13; subsidy for washing, shaving, and haircuts, \$8; subsidy for paper and books, \$8; subsidy for transportation, \$7; subsidy for water, electric and housing, \$2; TOTAL, \$161.

Factory workers and privately owned businesses have the highest salaries in China. In fact, doctors make less than factory workers. This is because factory workers can get a bonus if their factory is very productive. Doctors make an unbelievably low 200 Yuan (\$40) per month. China rarely distinguishes between highly-trained workers such as doctors and teachers and unskilled workers.

Students rarely get the opportunity to work during the semester or during their vacations between semesters. They all want to work but there are no jobs

for them. One of my students is fortunate to work in the school coffee bar. She works four hours on Friday evenings for four Yuan (80 cents.) During the summer the students stay at home, watch television, visit friends, and read because there are no jobs available.

The typical work week is six days, Monday through Saturday. The Chinese try to get all of their domestic work done on Sundays. The work day is usually nine hours long with an hour for lunch. It is not uncommon for workers to take a short nap of 30 minutes after lunch. My students all do this every day after lunch for 60 minutes.

The overwhelming majority of Chinese do not like their jobs. Usually it has been assigned to them by the local government and they have no choice.

Because they don't like their jobs, they usually do not have a good attitude about working. They come in late, leave early, and tend to just be "going through the motions."

It is very difficult to get fired by your employer. This adds to a worker's apathy, knowing that no matter how bad he/she does his/her job, he/she won't be fired.

NEXT ISSUE—MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS IN CHINA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Feeding Hills resident Richard Femmel is teaching for one year at the China Mercantile University in Shanghai and has sent us a series of his impressions of this ancient Far Eastern country.

Whose birthday is it, anyway?

The Episcopal Church believes the important news at Christmas is not who comes down the chimney, but who came down from heaven. We invite you to come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
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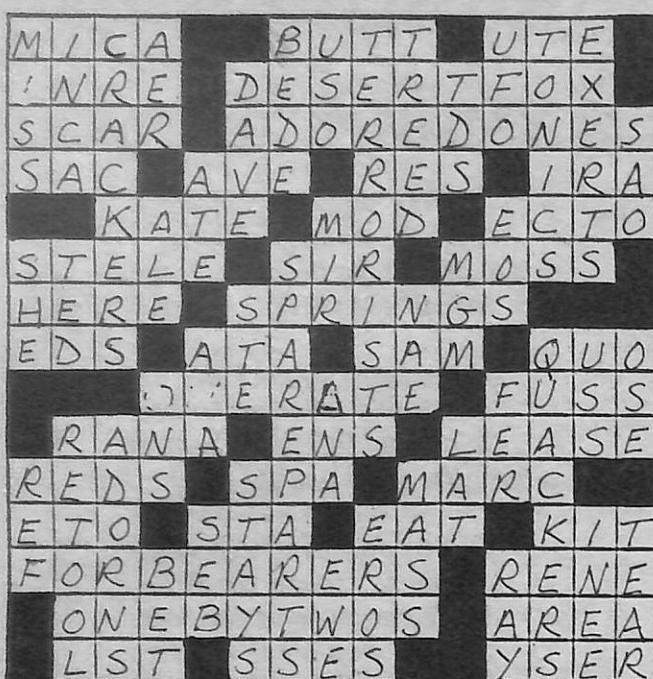
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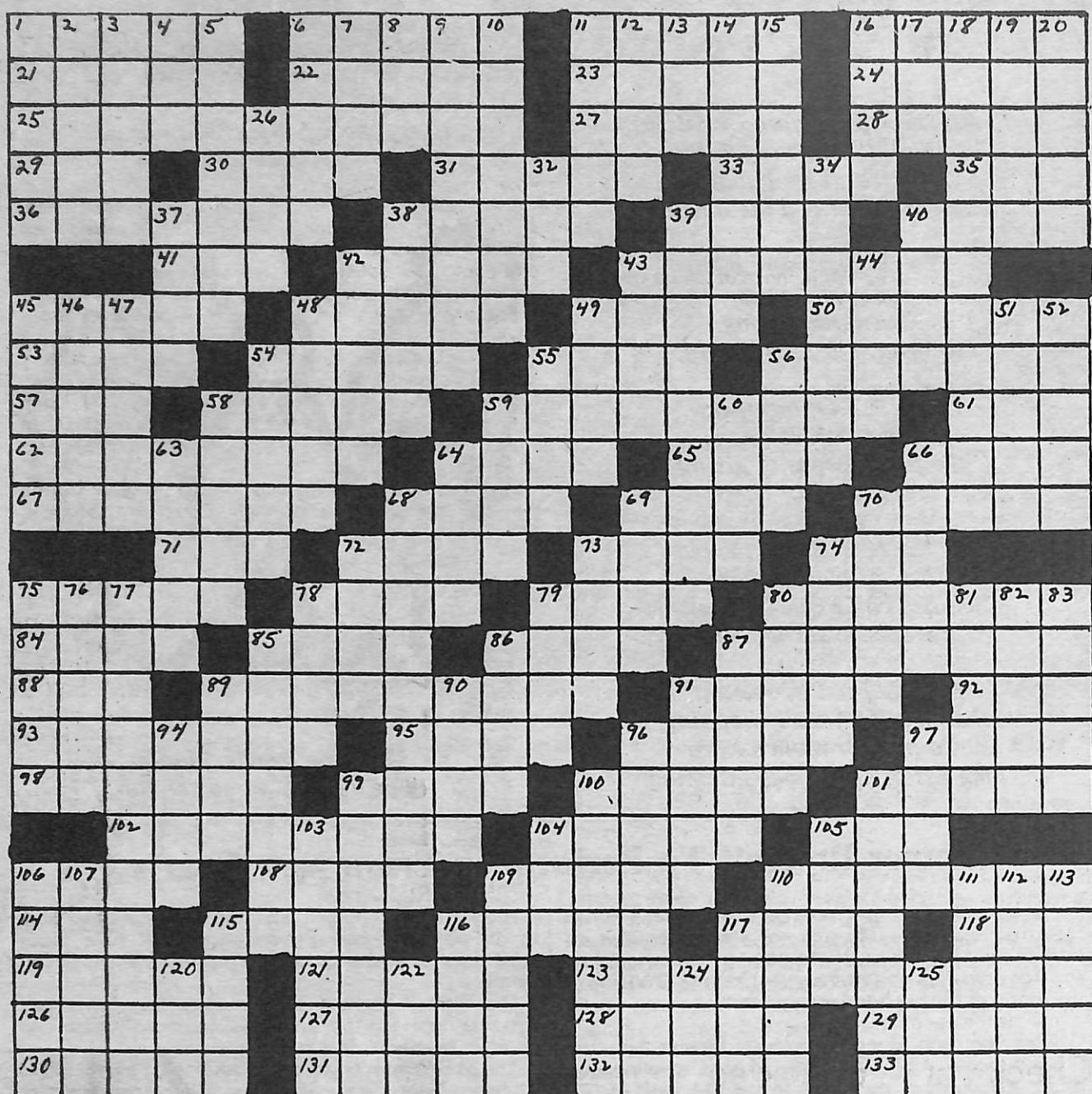


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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



A Holiday Thought

by Iris Copson

(As paraphrased from 'Twas The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore)

'Twas the week before Christmas,
and all through the hustle
The stress kept building
with the rush and the bustle;

The children were being
especially good,
Outwardly trying
to behave as they should;

The P.T.O. members
put in much volunteer,
To plan lessons of giving
and parties of cheer;

The teachers' and principals'
lists of places to go,
Included children's best talents
at a special school show.

And dad put in overtime
that kept him really hopping,
To pay for mom's extra
long list of Christmas shopping.

Everyone was trying with despair
not abandoned,



To keep from exploding
like a faulty wired cannon.

When suddenly among
all the holiday clatter,
A small idea began to form,
about the family matter.

At the heart of each action,
peace and love had to be,
Or it wouldn't really matter
what gifts were opened by the tree.

Old traditions of egg nog,
as we sit 'round the fire,
With parents and children
sharing hopes and desire;

Talking together,
maybe saying a prayer,
Creating harmony in the home;
telling each other we care.

These are the thoughts,
we must keep close in sight,
To find peace, joy and love
in our hearts Christmas night.

"Summer Breeze" To Perform In Town New Year's Eve

"Summer Breeze" will perform at St. John's Parish Hall from 8:30 to 11:45 p.m., on December 31st, as part of the Mid Winter Night program, sponsored by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council. Dancing to the music of the big band era and contemporary music highlight the evening.

Scott Thomson, director of Music for the Agawam Public Schools, Albert Baggetta, James Graveline, and Brian Asta-Ferrero comprise this well-known group who have performed at various area functions.

Also to highlight Mid Winter Night is Mike Kisielewski who will present an organ concert at the Agawam Center Library building from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. on December 31st.

He has been playing professionally for several years in the area.

At 11:50 p.m., at Veterans' Park at Phelps School, the New Year will be welcomed in by music, bell ringing, and festivities.

Free parking is available at all performance sites. It

is suggested that participants park their cars and walk to all performances. Performances will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please dress accordingly.

Mid Winter Night is a community experience and presents an event that is accessible and affordable to all town residents. It is a family event.

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New England Brass In Town For New Year's Eve Gala

The New England Brass Quartet will perform at Mid Winter Night at the Agawam Congregational Church at 8:45 and 10:45 p.m. The New Year's Eve celebration, sponsored by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, will include music, theater, magic, and puppetry to be presented at various sites in the Agawam Center area from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

The Quartet was formed in 1984 and is composed of four musicians, John Smialek and Paul Morey, trumpetists, and Kenneth Longstreeth and Stephen Glover, trombonists. The members of the group have performed together in various ensembles through New England since 1976.

On their most recent European concert tour, they gave performances in Germany, Switzerland, Paris, London, and at Coventry Cathedral where they received standing ovations, honoring both the ensemble's selections and impeccable performance.

As accomplished brass musicians in many areas

such as jazz, classical, big band, etc., their concerts offer the audience a wide variety of music.

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Great Night Of Variety Here For New Year's Eve

Mid Winter Night, the New Year's Eve celebration sponsored by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, will showcase a variety of music, theater, magic and puppetry programs.

Joe Bongio, magician, will present a magic and illusion show at the Agawam Congregational Church Parish Hall at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. Mr. Bongio and daughter, Melanie, are known for being the only magic team in the area to perform shadow box illusion on stage.

The performance will also include among other illusions, the oriental sword cabinet, flying carpet suspension, and the piece de resistance of all great magic shows, the sawing in half of an audience volunteer. Music and audience participation will highlight many of the magic effects that this well-known magician will perform.

Mr. Bongio is a past president of the Society of American Magicians, and has been performing magic for the past 20 years.

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Education

Granger Students Have New Pen Pal In Persian Gulf

**by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor**

Granger Elementary School third grade students have been writing letters to help boost morale of United States servicemen stationed in Saudi Arabia under Operation Desert Shield.

According to Room 6 teacher Peg Hatheway, "Many of the children have begun to receive answers to their correspondence and are becoming 'pen pals' with some of our servicemen."

Ron & Linda Pioggia, owners of **Pioggia's General Store** on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills, have a son, Ron, who was deployed to Saudi Arabia in September, one year after he entered the Army. Ron is a cousin of Room 2 teacher Mary O'Keefe, and she had all her students (27) write letters to Ron.

Pioggia said, "Ron was the first army enlistee from Agawam to go to Saudi Arabia. His unit is part of the 82nd Airborne; the same unit I was part of for three years during the Vietnam War as a parachute rigger (during 1963 to 1966)."

Mrs. O'Keefe's students were thrilled to receive Ron's three-page response in early November. They made a bulletin board at school displaying Ron's picture, his letter, enclosures of Saudi money, labels from bottled drinking water, and a Colgate toothpaste box written in two languages. There is also a special Desert Shield postcard showcased from Ron.

Granger School Principal Phyllis Lewis remembers Ron as one of her first grade students. Pioggia said, "He was an honor student when he graduated from Agawam High School in 1989. Mrs. O'Keefe thinks Ron should be a writer. I think everyone enjoys his letters because he explains things to kids so well."

Mrs. Pioggia said, "Ron is proud of the Certificate of Achievement he was awarded by the Army. It was given to him for exceptional performance as a student at the United States Army Aviation Center in Fort Rucker, Alabama, and for completing (AIT) Advanced Individual Training and the Smart Troop Program simultaneously."

She added, "He is very grateful to all the children in Mrs. O'Keefe's class for their letters."

Pioggia said, "On Thursday, December 13th, at 7:30 a.m., WMAS read Ron's thank-you letter over the air. They had sent him a package. He loves getting mail and can't believe the amount of mail he gets. In his letters to home he asked us to keep sending him *The Agawam Advertiser News*. He said he passes it around to all the guys."

Last Friday morning Ron was able to call his parents. His dad related Ron's feelings. "He's getting anxious to get home. They want to do the job and get

December Skating Schedule

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THE GRANGER SCHOOL CLASS of Mary O'Keefe has been corresponding with Agawam resident Ronnie Pioggia, who is stationed with the U.S. Army in the Persian Gulf. Class teacher is Mary O'Keefe (back row, right), who is Ronnie's cousin. Good luck, Ronnie, and come back home soon, the students told us to relate to Ronnie through our article. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

out of there. He's got guard duty Christmas Day. I suppose it helps keep him busy and keep his mind off of back home," Pioqiaq said.

Both Ron's parents are extremely proud of him. They were excited about an opportunity to "see" him soon. On Monday, December 17th, the Pioggias were invited to TV station Channel 22 to make a tape that, hopefully, will be aired in Saudi Arabia to bring a return message to Ron for the holidays from home. They were told that Ron had already made a tape that will possibly be aired on *The Today Show*.

This will be a chance for Ron's Granger School friends to "meet" their new literary friend. (The students write to Ron monthly.)

Ron's unit was a part of President George Bush's advance party on November 9th, and he has served missions with actor Steve Martin and Secretary of State James Baker while in Saudi Arabia.

Letter From Ron Pioggia To Room 2, Mrs. O'Keefe's Class, Granger School (November 8th, 1990):

"I received the letters which all of you sent to me a couple of days ago. I nearly passed out at the sight of the pile that the mail clerk handed to me. I had no idea I would get letters from all of you. I want to thank each

one of you personally, but I'm afraid my hand would fall off from writing so much! I hope you understand.

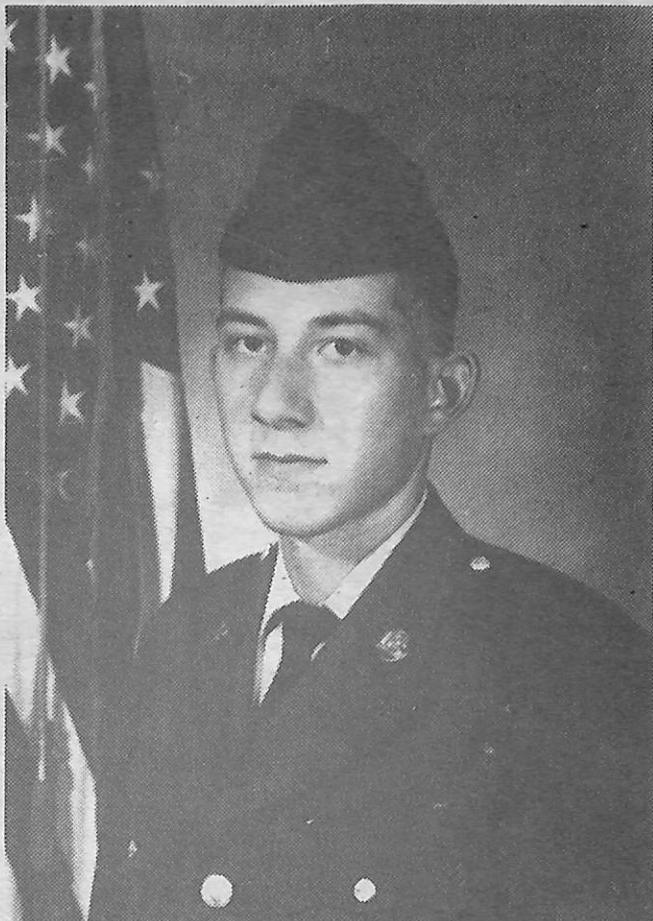
"I am 19 years-old and also a proud graduate of Agawam High School. I joined the Army right after I graduated. The unit I am in is an aviation unit. We have 15 CH 47' Delta helicopters. I'm no artist but I'll try to draw a picture of our aircraft. It is a funny-looking helicopter because it has two rotor blades. The blades intermesh to keep them from hitting each other. Our job over here in Saudi Arabia is to transport troops, food, equipment, and other things wherever they are needed. It is very important to keep the troops up north supplied with everything they need.

"The climate here is very warm. When we first got here it was reaching as high as 115 degrees F. It is starting to cool down now. It has only been in the upper 90's lately. At night the temperature drops down into the 70's. In the desert that can be very cold. We sometimes get the chills and have to zip up in our sleeping bags. This is because our bodies are used to the warmer weather. We drink lots of water even if we aren't thirsty because the body will dehydrate if you don't.

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December Skating Schedule		ROLLAWAY		1990		
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30 2 - 5 New Year's Party * 7:30 - 12:30 \$5 Plus \$1.25	31 7 - 10 \$3.50	January 1 1 - 6 — \$4 * 7 - 9:30	HAPPY NEW YEARS DAY Skate Tuesday, January 1 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Admission Only \$4 Includes Skate Rental		
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ARMYMAN RON PIOGGIA is serving in the Persian Gulf.

RON PIOGGIA - from Page 43...

"When we first got here we were living in a giant warehouse. We have now moved into a small compound and live in solid buildings. This compound was used by foreign workers who came to Saudi Arabia to work. The rooms are very, very small and five people sleep in them. Bulk beds make it possible to fit us all in. The toilets are merely holes in the floor. The water here is not potable so you cannot drink it. You will get very sick if you do. All the water we drink is bottled water which we have to import from other areas. We do have showers here but we cannot get any of the water in our mouths. You can't even brush your teeth with it. We still have it better than a lot of other people here, though."

"Saudi food is rougher on the body than American food. It takes a while for your body to get used to it. We try to eat as little of it as possible. For lunch we eat something called an MRE. This stands for meal ready to eat. All it is, is a vacuum-sealed lunch. They're really not all that good to eat either, but it beats Saudi food."

"We don't see much of the Saudi culture, but we do know that they are very religious people. You can always see Saudi people praying at mosques which are located everywhere. It is a very strange religion to us (Muslim). There are also a large number of camels and sheep here."

"Well, I hope I have shed a little more light on what it is like over here for us. It is different everywhere you go. I have enclosed some labels from the bottled drinking water we have. I am also sending some Saudi money."

"I have to go now. Write again!"

Ronnie"

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THE AGAWAM FIREFIGHTERS Local 1973 donated funds to two Agawam High School varsity cheerleaders who are part of a group representing the United States at the Lord Mayor Of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade in London, England. From left - Agawam firefighter Donald Wells (treasurer of Local 1973); AHS cheerleaders Cindy Zielenski and Sarah Fogg; and fireman Karl Schmaelzle (vice-president of Local 1973). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

James Clark Fall Fundraising Winners



WINNERS OF THE FALL FUNDRAISER at James Clark School are, from left - Scott Allen, Erin Cacchi, Kelly Webb, Danielle DeForge, and Ciara Groom. Advertiser News photo by Jack

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Annual Christmas Shop At Granger School



THE GRANGER PTO sponsored its Annual Christmas Shop at the school recently. PTO members Joyce Drenzek and Gina Korney assist students Chris Templeton, Anna Ferrantino, and Alex Nunez with their purchases. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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GRANGER SCHOOL STUDENTS Alisa Goodreau, Paul Versace, and Carol Rosenberg are assisted by PTO members Gail Borkosky and Pam Quirk during the school's Annual Christmas Shop. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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GRANGER SCHOOL SENT A SMALL CONTINGENT of the Phelps School Green last week for the townwide Sing-A-Long. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STUDENTS AND ADULTS GATHERED on the Phelps School Green for a townwide Sing-A-Long last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Phelps School Green Scene Of First Annual Holiday Sing-A-Long

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

It was a typical New England holiday scene, with the exception of no snow blanketing the Phelps Elementary School front green. Hundreds of Agawam residents gathered together to watch Phelps Principal William Miller switch on the dazzling Christmas lights that adorned the blue spruce and share the holiday spirit in the First Annual Phelps Sing-A-Long.

Hosted by the Phelps School PTO, the Sing-A-Long combined both sharing and giving. Many residents donated foods and clothing in front of the Veteran's Memorial on the green. The contributions will be distributed to needy community people by the Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) for the holidays.

Phelps PTO President Doris Donovan was overwhelmed by the generosity of responses and said that after food baskets were prepared, other donations will be brought to the Open Pantry.

PTO Vice President Sue Dempsey is also a member of the Agawam Junior Women's Club and will help coordinate the spirit of giving.

Mayor Christopher Johnson and Town Council President Richard Brindle joined townsfolk in singing a tribute to the American troops deployed to the Persian Gulf as a large yellow bow tied to the flagpole billowed in the breeze. Music teacher Margaret Bielin led the carolers through a megaphone to sing "I'll Be Home For Christmas."

Two large wreaths and a floral spray decorated with a yellow bow honored the lighted Veteran's Memorial. To the side, a temporary wooden stand held a surprise visitor for the children beyond the sparkling Christmas tree. Santa greeted the little ones spreading wishes of good cheer and joining in the yuletide singing.

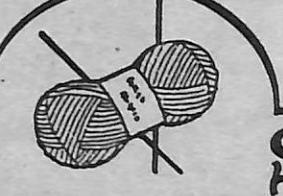
The last song of the night was sung loud and clear, "God Bless America."

Sheets of the lyrics (supplied by Phelps PTO) to old favorites such as "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Silver Bells," and "Silent Night" prompted those whose memories may have lapsed.

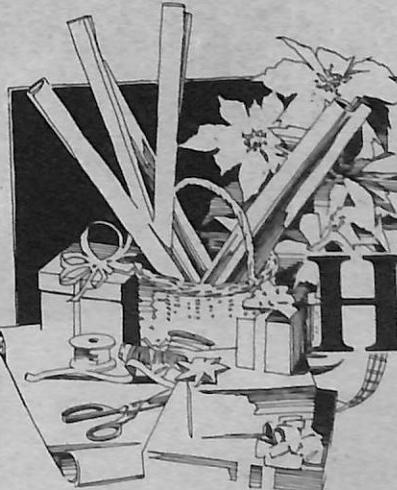
A small group of Granger School families gathered under a banner made by their PTO members after an invitation was extended to come "as a group" to Phelps School by Mrs. Donovan.

As the evening's events finished and the crowd began to dissipate, Granger School Principal Phyllis Lewis said, "That was terrific! We talked about the possibility of each school taking turns hosting this type of activity as a yearly event, so next year I would like to volunteer Granger School."

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PTO MOMS assist Clark School students at the Christmas Bazaar. Students are Dawn Dzeidzina, Bobbie Jo Shipp, Nicolle Clauson, and Jillian Lawson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Christmas Bazaar Held At Clark School

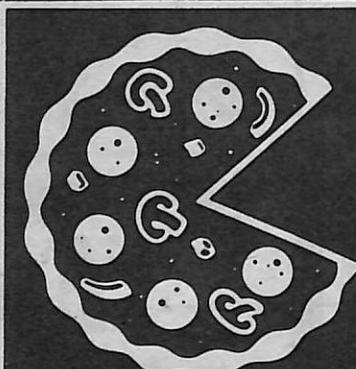
On December 5th and 6th, James Clark Gymnasium was a festive shopping center. The students had been waiting anxiously for the Christmas bazaar to open and they were not disappointed.

There were gifts for brothers, sisters, cousins, mothers and grandmas, dads and grandfathers too. A wide variety of gifts was on hand for the children to choose from, ranging in price from 50 cents to \$5.

Mrs. Santa Claus, sitting in her rocking chair beside her gaily decorated tree, noticed how carefully the children made their selections.

With their shopping all finished, the children came, one by one, to chat with Mrs. Claus, many proudly showing the gifts they had purchased. As they left, Mrs. Claus gave each child a package of treats. On the first day, Santa visited each room and passed out candy canes.

Joan Bitgood, PTO president, thanks all the mothers who donated their time setting up and manning the booths, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Without their help, the bazaar would not have been the successful event that it was.



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Christmas Shopping At Phelps School



PHELPS SCHOOL PTO MEMBERS assist students with their holiday shopping at Santa's Secret Workshop. IN PHOTO LEFT, PTO members are Denise Gaulin, Patti Blair, and Joanne Nowlan-Sakowicz; students are Danny Drewniak, Nicole Conte, and Matthew Francis. IN PHOTO RIGHT, PTO members are Joanne Szymanski, Sherrie McKinnon, and Debora Eggleston. Students pictured are Alfonso Santaniello, Hilary Golas, and Scott Fontaine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

School Dept. Thanks Chamber For Help

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce's Education and Manpower Committee has been involved with the Agawam Public Schools for many years. Over \$22,000 in Big Y gold register tapes have been given to Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr. The tapes were gathered by Chamber members to be used for obtaining computers and printers for Agawam Schools.

Bruno expressed his deep appreciation for the Chamber's effort in securing the register tapes. The tapes will be divided equally among the seven schools.

The committee's bridge to Agawam students has been primarily centered on its successful "Career Day." The Chamber works hand in hand with the school guidance department and Agawam School Committee to foster programs to be of assistance in expanding the horizons of Agawam students.

The Education and Manpower committee chairman was Patrick Carley of S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy in Feeding Hills. On January 1st, Carley will be handing over the reigns to the new co-chairmen, Kurt Welker of Fitness First in Feeding Hills, and David Wood, Public Relations director for New England Telephone. In the future, this committee plans to broaden its participation with the students of Agawam on new and exciting projects.

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FITNESS FIRST OWNER Kurt Welker (left), a member of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, and Patrick Carley (right), chairman of the Chamber's Manpower & Education Committee, present Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno with over \$22,000 worth of gold register tapes from Big Y Supermarkets. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Chamber Of Commerce Helps Schools Get New Computers In Big Y Program

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

In November, S.T.A.R.T.'s (Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy in Feeding Hills) Patrick Carley, president of the Education and Manpower Committee for the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, and **Fitness First** owner Kurt Welker, presented Superintendent James Bruno with nearly \$20,000 worth of gold register tapes from Big Y Supermarkets.

Bruno said, "The Chamber committee gave us these tapes to be divided equally among the schools. It was a good effort on the part of local businesses to show their support for our schools."

Many businesses across Agawam became collectors of the gold register receipts in a cooperative effort to earn valuable computers and software for town schools over the past seven months.

Beginning last May through December 2nd, each of the seven Agawam schools began accumulating and tabulating gold register tapes to earn free hardware and software equipment. Each school's committee for Big Y tapes approached local businesses such as the **Feeding Hills Pharmacy, Amanda's Restaurant, E.B.'s Specialty Chicken, and Four Star Video** to act as drop-off centers for the receipts. The schools also had drop-off boxes within their respective buildings.

The program has been successful and each school has attained its goal of earning free computer equipment. At Agawam High School, science instructor

Everett Talmadge chaired the Big Y collection program in hopes of earning a computer for his biology classes and achieved his goal.

The Agawam Junior High School's PTSG (Parent-Teacher-Student Group) exceeded their goal by over \$50,000. Principal Thomas O'Keefe consulted with Computer Coordinator Russell Ramah to assure that equipment ordered will be most compatible with the expected computer purchases by the School Committee for next year.

Plans to create a computer lab or media center at the Junior High this year were delayed by bidding restrictions and fiscal constraints. However, O'Keefe did request that a mandatory eighth-grade keyboard and computer class be instituted next year and expects a vote of the School Committee this month.

Agawam Middle School computer instructor James Jackowski is recommending purchases at that level for compatible hardware with the existing Middle School computer lab. Also, each of the four elementary schools will purchase equipment for individual classroom teachers' requests.

The townwide effort of the Big Y Gold Register Receipts Program proved successful thanks to the strong participation of many local businesses and residents, as well as the generous donation to education by Big Y Supermarkets.

Granger School Holds Annual Family Party

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Once again Granger Elementary School's family of students, parents, teachers, and Principal Phyllis Lewis enjoyed a Holiday Party at the Agawam Junior High School which was hosted by the Granger PTO volunteers.

In the spirit of the holidays, families came to socialize and let the children meet with Santa Claus to receive a small bag of treats in the Junior High Cafeteria. Student volunteers also called out ticket numbers of boys and girls to win small raffle prizes while everyone visited, snacked on homemade goodies, and drank coffee, tea, or punch.

Many sweets were baked by Granger parents prior to the event and brought in that evening to share with families and neighbors, as well as the many teachers (who came that night).

Kit and Kaboodle Children's Theatre performed a special Christmas show in the auditorium during the Friday night Holiday Party for the entertainment of all ages. The local theatre troupe directors, Margie Secora and Lyle Parsons, added over 20 children in a group participation, during each of the two performances. The performance was done twice in order to accommodate the large crowd of families that had to be split in half, according to the first initial of their last names.

Each year this celebration includes anywhere from 300 to 600 Granger adults and children. Principal Phyllis Lewis said that she felt many people did not recognize the amount of time, effort, and constant "spirit of giving" many of the PTO members put into such events, especially during the busy holiday season. She said that she could not say "thank you" enough times to these people.

Mrs. Lewis said that the spirit of Adelphi was enhanced when these special events made everyone feel good. Granger's active Adelphi group is composed of teachers and parents.

On Friday, December 14th, during the afternoon before the Holiday Party, many students accompanied several Adelphi members to the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield in order to deliver Christmas cards made by Granger students for the Tiny Tim program. Mrs. Lewis said, "I think it is a good idea for some of the children to see exactly where their efforts are going."

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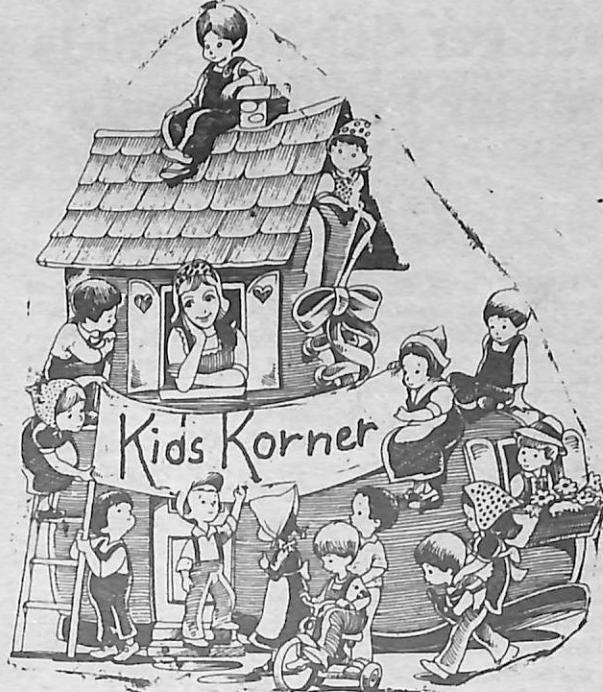
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If I Met Santa... Robinson Park School, Grade 2 Room 4; Anna Crean, teacher

If I met Santa on Christmas Eve, I would ask him to bring all the gifts to the poor people. I hope he will make them happy.

Isidro Aguinaga

If I met Santa, I would be very surprised. I would ask Santa how Rudolph got his red nose. Then I would ask him how many elves he has helping him make toys for all the children.

Jacqueline Bennett

If I met Santa on Christmas Eve, I would ask him for a doll. I would take good care of my new doll. I would ask him for a brush for my Dad and a pair of Santa Claus slippers for my Mom.

Amanda Boissonneault

If I saw Santa, I would say hi. Then I would give him the list of things that I hadn't received in past years. I hope he will give them to me this year.

William Bond

If I met Santa, I would ask him to give his presents to the poor people. The poor people need the food, clothing, and toys.

Anthony Bosini

If I met Santa on Christmas Eve, I would ask him if his reindeers liked the carrots and apples I left them last year. I would ask him if he wants me to leave him anything special next year.

Bianca Chase

If I met Santa, I would ask him to bring food and clothing to the poor people so they could have a Merry



ANNA CREAN'S second grade Kids Korner class from Robinson Park School (Room 4).

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Christmas. If he has any presents for me, maybe he could give them to the poor children and I would play with the toys I already have in my closet.

Nathan Christy

If I met Santa, I would ask him how he gets in all the chimneys in one night. I would ask him if I could go with him for awhile. I don't think he will let me.

Matthew Colby

If I met Santa, I would tell him not to leave me any presents this Christmas. This year I would like to share my presents with the poor children.

Joseph Conniff

When I meet Santa, I'm going to ask him why he always comes at night. I think he doesn't want anyone to see all the presents he made for us.

Michael Cook

If I met Santa, I would ask him how he got up and down the chimney. I would ask him how he got around the world in one night. It must be magic!!

Erin Dearing

If I meet Santa on Christmas Eve, I will tell him I've been good all year. I hope he leaves me a lot of toys.

Robert Fitzgerald

If I met Santa, I would tell him I was good. I would ask him to bring my Mom and Dad a present. I would

ask for a soccer ball for me.

Sean Gaffney

If I saw Santa on Christmas Eve, I would hide and watch him work. When he was finished filling the stockings, I would say "hi" to him and give him a hug. Then I would ask him to visit the children in the hospital to cheer them up.

Samantha Gingras

If I met Santa, I would ask to see his elves. I would want to know how they make so many toys. When I grow up I would like to help Santa make all the toys for all the good boys and girls.

Ryan Hamel

If I met Santa, I would ask him to bring a big surprise to my mother, father, and brother. They would really like being surprised.

Eric Hogan

If I met Santa on Christmas Eve, I would ask him if he would like some milk and cookies. He could rest and check his list before he delivers his other presents. Then I would ask him if he could make my Grandpa better.

Lauren Kida

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ROBINSON PARK FIRST GRADE TEACHER Sylvia Ready and her Room 5, Kids Korner class. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Our Visit To Santa

**Robinson Park School, Grade 1
Room 5; Sylvia Ready, teacher**

As a Christmas treat Sylvia Ready's first grade class went to Baystate West to see Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and The Talking Tree.

Our Visit To Santa:
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Anthony Brignoli

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Alexandra Psilos

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I asked Santa for Easy Bake.
Jamie Rose Suffriti

I liked the cookie Mrs. Claus gave me.
Kathleen Barker

I asked Santa for Little Miss Magic Hair,
and Nintendo Tapes.
Maureen Skehan

Mrs. Claus gave me a cookie.
Lindsay Morisset

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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Wednesday, January 2nd: Grilled cheese sandwich, seasoned vegetables, pickle chips, potato puffs, peaches, milk.

Thursday, January 3rd: Rotini macaroni with meatsauce, Italian blend vegetables, bread and butter, fruit cup, or jello, milk.

Friday, January 4th: Oven baked chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, diced carrots, honey and mayonnaise, wheat bread and butter, sweet potato cake with icing, milk.

KIDS KORNER - From Page 50...

If I met Santa, I would tell him what I wanted for Christmas. It wouldn't be too much because I have a lot already. Last Christmas I heard bells and footsteps, but I didn't get to see Santa.

Gregory Mantolesky

If I met Santa coming down the chimney, I would ask him if he would like a cookie.

Megan McCormick

If I met Santa, I know I would like him a lot. He always gives me so many presents. I would really like to thank him.

Emily Norris

If I saw Santa on Christmas Eve filling my stocking, I would be very surprised. I would ask him if he got my Christmas list. I hope he leaves me a bow and arrow.

Heather Scarlett

If I woke up and went downstairs and saw Santa Claus, I would be surprised! I would ask him for something very small for me and tell him I've been good. Then I would ask him to bring presents to the people who need them.

Melody Serafino

If I met Santa on Christmas Eve, I would ask him for a ride in his sleigh. I could help him deliver his presents. I would ask him to let everyone's wish come true.

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Santa liked my pictures that I made for him.

John Mahoney

Mrs. Claus, "Thank you for the sweet cookies." I liked them.

Heather Roy

I liked Santa Claus. Santa liked the pictures I made for him.

Geoffrey Cartello

The Talking Tree asked me, "What's my name?"

Paul Ruccio

Santa Claus was wonderful! I liked Mrs. Claus' kitchen.

Chanon Palm

Santa said, "What do you want for Christmas?"

Danielle Hebert

I liked Mrs. Claus.

Charles St. Peter

The Talking Tree sang a song with us.

Elizabeth Perry

Santa brings me presents.

Rose Adriance

I asked Santa for wrestling Buddy, and regular wrestler figures.

Larry Scafuri

I liked Mrs. Claus' kitchen.

Lauren Cressotti

Santa said, "He had some good trucks."

William Kunasek

I asked Santa for a remote control truck, and airplane.

Michael Ruscio

We sang songs with The Talking Tree.

Erica Pelley

Santa is going to bring me a Power Wheel, and Popcorn Maker.

Tranel Johnson

I asked Santa for Shiver Baby.

Kristina Leighty

I asked Santa for a race track, Power Wheel Jeep, and some Micro Machines.

Nathan Skiba

Santa remembered me when I was a baby.

Raven Acton

Santa Claus had on a red suit, the beard on his chin was as white as the snow, and he wore glasses.

Jeff Berger

Benito G. Rocca Graduates From Western New England

Benito G. Rocca, son of Josephine & Vito Rocca of Agawam, was among the 196 graduate and undergraduate students who were awarded degrees on October 15th, from Western New England College.

Rocca received a bachelor of science in business administration degree with a major in marketing from Dr. Beverly W. Miller, president of Western New England College.

Rocca has been included in the Dean's List, was a disc jockey for WNEK-FM, the College's radio station, and was a member of the Marketing Association at Western New England College.

Western New England College is a private coeducational institution located on a 120-acre suburban campus in Springfield. The college serves more than 6,100 full-time and part-time students with undergraduate and graduate programs in its School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Engineering, and School of Law.

Area Students On Dean's List At Johnson & Wales

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Graduation Requirements Upped At AHS; School Board Nixes Tracking Proposal

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Tuesday evening, the School Committee voted unanimously to accept all of Superintendent James Bruno's recommendations for strengthening the Agawam Junior High and High School's core curriculum to a monumental level.

Bruno recommended that AHS graduation requirements be upgraded but suggested that a proposed social studies program for heterogeneous grouping be put on hold.

His recommendations came two weeks after the principal's steering committees from AHS and the Junior High presented proposals to the School Committee at a workshop.

Bruno's desire for a strong academic commitment was clearly evident as his proposals surpassed the AHS committee's requests for 12½ credits in both math and science. He said, "I recommend that grades nine through 12 students be required to take and pass: 20 credits (four years) of English, and 15 credits (three years each) for science, math, and social studies. I would also recommend that physical education be increased from the present six credits to a required take and pass course worth 10 credits." The 10 credits would equate the time spent in physical education instruction with other courses at the high school.

Bruno said, "Further, I recommend that graduation requirements of 80 credits be increased to 105 credits, beginning with the class of 1995; and that we establish a Level I for Advanced Placement courses weighted at 1.05 (presently 1.2), and that a Level II be established at 1.00 for all other courses."

He also recommended that the foreign languages of Spanish and French be introduced at the seventh grade level, along with a mandated formal study skills unit for that grade. In grade eight he proposed that four times a week for one-half a year, all students be required to take a keyboarding and computer class. The other half-year, eighth graders will be required to take a reading program twice a week.

Bruno also proposed that an intramural program be established for all grade seven and eight students next year, and that grade nine students be required to take one-half year of health classes and one-half year of computer science.

He said, "I didn't want to do this piecemeal. I realized we had some weaknesses in the core curriculum a

while ago. The transferring of ninth grade to the high school next year created a perfect opportunity to institute this upgrading."

He added, "The principals' committees did a fine job on all their proposals, and I want to commend them for all their hard work and efforts."

Bruno defended his position on the pilot program to detrack the social studies curriculum at AHS by saying, "Conceptually, I agree and support heterogeneous grouping. I'm committed to it, but we've got to move slowly and involve a number of people. We have to talk to parents and teachers, and we have some administrators who are not convinced. We have to look at the Junior High, too."

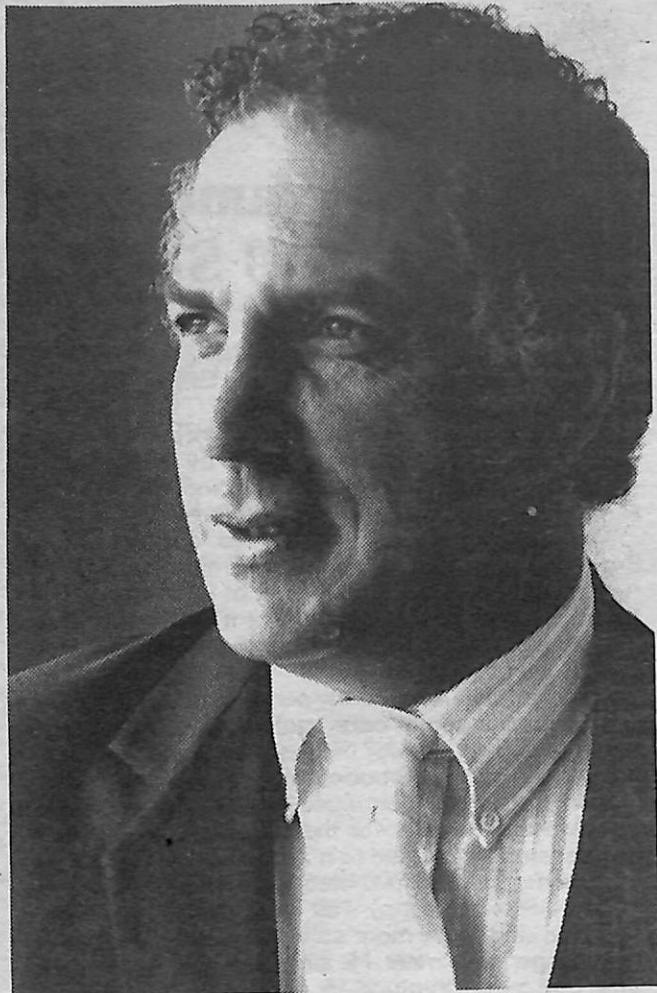
He said, "We have to work on professional development with staff and inservice programs. I think it's educationally sound, but right now we just don't have enough time to do it properly. We have a lot of work ahead of us with all the other proposals."

Assistant Superintendent Donald Charest said, "Mr. Bruno's recommendations are a milestone in the education system of Agawam. These are probably the highest standards in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the School Committee approved last night. This is the biggest decision, I think, that the School Committee has made in Agawam. It really makes academics an integral part of our education system."

Over 40 Agawam residents came to the Citizen's Speak Time to hear 1990 AHS graduate Cathy Scaggs make a request to the School Committee to dedicate the AHS gymnasium to retiring Athletic Director Clifford Kibbe. Jordan St. John moved that the School Committee accept this proposal and said Kibbe had taught him the meaning of "perseverance" in his Junior High gym classes.

Bruno said that Kibbe "was one of the most committed and dedicated individuals he had ever had the pleasure to work alongside of as a teacher, coach, and fellow administrator." Chairperson Rosemary Sandlin also praised Kibbe on his tireless efforts to bring athletics to both boys and girls in Agawam over the years.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS James V. Bruno advised against the proposed tracking for social studies courses at Agawam High.

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Sports

Brownie Swimmers Off To Fast 2-0 Start

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Trailing by one point after nine events, the Agawam High boys' swim team stormed back by taking the last three events and winning 100-85 over Northampton High last Friday night on the road in Northampton.

That is the second win in two outings for the Brownies this season. Coach Dave Smith contends that "each kid on the team is helping at each meet. The results would be so much different without the contributions that we have been getting from all over our squad."

Smith got the usual dandy performances from Aaron Orsucci as the senior once again posted two wins. He won the 200 individual medley in 2:23.05 and raced home first in the 100 backstroke in 1:08.94.

Sean McFarland continued to pay dividends as he won two more events for the Brownies. The first-year transfer student cruised to a 25:32 first place in the 50 relay and a 1:13.68 100 breaststroke victory.

Smith was very happy with the performances that he expected and even more so with the contributions of the younger swimmers. He singled out Kevan Innarelli, who got a fourth-place in diving; Rick Whitney (a freshman), who got the fifth point in diving; Matt Toczek (Iron Man), who claimed three Agawam points by swimming in the 500, the 100 breast, and a leg of the final relay; Andy David, who continued to shine with a third place in the 100 backstroke; John Kielbasa, who picked up six big points by placing second in the 100 free and fourth in the 50 freestyle events; and, finally, Vinny Russa, who claimed fifth place in the 100 freestyle.

Tony Leger once again won the diving competition for Agawam. Jeff Lewis placed second in the 200 yard free, and Steve Lewis grabbed second in the 100 fly. Scott Russell was second in the 100 breaststroke.

Benton's Tally Runs Brownies Past Ludlow

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There was no feeling-out process in the hockey game between Ludlow High and Agawam High last Saturday night at the Coliseum in West Springfield. As a matter of fact, Agawam's Ben Benton came onto the ice as if he was fired from a cannon.

Benton's early hustle and goal-scoring touch put the Brownies in position to win their first hockey game of the season. The Agawam kids hung on for a 2-1 win over the Lions.

Agawam opened the season on Wednesday night with a 2-2 tie against South Hadley. John Liquori scored both Agawam goals in that game.

Liquori had himself another fine night against Ludlow as he came out buzzing with Benton. The pair screamed into the Lion defensive zone right from the opening faceoff, and Benton got a quality shot on Ludlow netminder Joel Crinella.

On the ensuing faceoff, Benton rapped another on Crinella and the Agawam forward didn't stop until he rapped home his own rebound at :38 to give the Brownies the lead. Liquori and Scott Bracci were given assists on the play.

Kevin Fleury left the ice at 2:27 for Agawam to serve a minor penalty, and Ludlow came right back on the Brownies. John Robbins poked home the power play goal at 2:45 from a set-up in front and the score was tied. It appeared that it was going to be a shootout.

The rest of the period saw Ludlow taking chances by not backchecking their forwards, but the Lion defense kept Agawam pretty much at bay. Dan Moriarty skated in on right wing at 8:40 and slapped a low shot on Crinella. That was the most dangerous opportunity of the period.

Brownie goalie Mike Montessi was up to the challenge of several Lion advances. A big Ludlow center iceman smashed a high drive off the sophomore goalie early in the second. Shortly thereafter, Agawam was shorthanded again; Ludlow was unable to mount any offensives.

Finally, a 6:01 of the second, Agawam scored what amounted to the game-winning goal. On a slow developing play, Liquori showed excellent poise and ice awareness as he set up a gorgeous goal by Benton. Liquori steamed past the left side of the crease and faked a shot on Crinella. In one motion, Liquori backhanded a pass up the slot behind him, and Benton cruised in and one-timed it past the startled Lion tender. Nice goal, very crisp, and it gave Agawam the lead, 2-1.

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AHS Matmen Blow Away Lions

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam wrestling fans, it's going to be a lot of fun again. Last Wednesday night, AHS wrestling opened defense of their fourth consecutive Western Mass Crown and they did so with a 44-19 walloping of Ludlow High at the Agawam gymnasium.

It was close for a while, but when the night was over, Agawam had produced seven winners by fall and another by decision, and they won going away.

Ludlow, one of the area's premier teams, sent Mike Ice out to wrestle in the night's first varsity tussle. Ice, a strong performer, decisioned Joe Loudfoot 4-0 on the strength of a first-period takedown and a second-period reversal. Loudfoot was making his first varsity appearance for the Brownies.

Dana Almquist, who many figure will be 112 pounds of fury this season, came out smoking and earned Agawam's first stick of the night. The muscle-bound grappler missed a wide open half early, but came right back with a front headlock and pinned Manny DeSousa in 1:29. Almquist got off to a slow start a year ago but finished as tough as anyone, and this victory could serve as fuel to get him off quickly in 90-91.

Agawam's Sean Rising returned for his first match of his sophomore year and caught a tiger by the tail in Lion Mark Peszeyincny. Rising, who had a starry fresh season last year advancing to the States and winning several matches, got beat 9-2. Peszeyincny piled up a 7-0 lead midway in the second period and held on for his win.

Nathan Wood of the Brownies broke the 6-6 tie with a most impressive 10-4 win over Pat Rickson. Wood, another first-time varsity performer, showed excellent poise and the ability to gain a single (or double) leg anytime he chose. He worked for the entire six minutes and looks to be another solid Brownie grappler.

Mike Cooper had some fun at 130 pounds. The Agawam standout of a year ago worked hard for a 2-1 first-period lead. In the up position for the second period, Coop rode Jason Grinipro for a few seconds, turned him, and stuck him. 2:52 was the time and Cooper had given Agawam a 15-6 lead.

Mike Bryant was involved in one of the night's most competitive matches. Wrestling at 135 pounds and facing Don Marino, Bryant held his own throughout the match. Trailing 4-0, Bryant got a third-period reversal to cut the deficit in half (4-2), yet he could never turn Marino before the horn and he wound up losing.

Stuart McGregor battled at 140 pounds in the year's

first meet and he looks to be hungry as ever. He got a takedown and backpoints with only 12 seconds gone in the match. Lee Tatro of Ludlow fought like a lion and hung in there. Still, McGregor never stopped for a second, trying every pinning combination available and finally got his pin at 3:55. Agawam was beginning to build a wide margin—they now led 21-9.

And then came Frankie. The reigning New England Champion (140), Frank DeMarinis began his defense (though he is wrestling at 145) against Andy Derowin. Poor Andy. DeMarinis got Andy on the whistle and never let him go. Actually, Andy got out of bounds once, but he might as well have been in a cage match. Frankie stuck him at the :40 mark.

Agawam dropped the next two matches as Jose Rodriguez suffered an 8-0 setback at 152 to Mike Crum, and Marcus Trinchini was pinned in 1:30 by Isaac Flores. Those 10 points got Ludlow right back into the match as they shaved the lead to 27-19.

Some of the fans began to squirm in their seats. It wasn't over yet; Ludlow was still alive. That's until Nick Langone took to the mat at 171 and closed out the Lions' chances at victory. The talented sophomore upper-bodied Jody Moffatt to the mat early and was ready to pin him when Agawam lost a match point because of a bench penalty against an overenthusiastic wrestler. The lead was down to 26-19.

Langone got a breather while the referee explained the penalty to the coaches. It didn't matter. Langone broke Moffatt down again and had him pinned at the 1:22 mark.

Who is going to wrestle 189? That was one of the coaching concerns when camp opened several weeks ago. Well, at least for now, Mike DaSilva looks like he can more than fill the bill. DaSilva, also getting his first varsity nod, put on an excellent show and pressed Dan Pivin's shoulders to the mat in the time of 3:12.

The highlight of the night was saved for last. Big George Ghareeb, the new Agawam heavyweight, came out to the footstomping of the crowd and the bench. The trend will no doubt continue as George went nuts. He made the strongman takedown and drove Brian Cabral into the basement. Ghareeb had matters in hand at the :33 mark. He had earned the night's fastest pin.

The show got underway a little bit late, but Agawam had everybody out of there by 10 minutes until nine. Yes, it's going to be fun in Ninety One...

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In Schoolgirl Hoop Action...

Brownie Girls Survive Lobo's 44-point Siege In 53-50 Win

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Last year, the Agawam High girls' basketball team frustrated Southwick center Rebecca Lobo, and the Brownies crushed the Rams in Southwick. This season, Lobo exacted quite a measure of revenge as she played a ferocious game in Agawam. Still, the Brownies were able to hang on by a thread down the stretch and down the Rams for their first win of the season. The final score was 53-50.

Agawam, 23-1 a year ago, began this campaign 0-1 as they dropped a 51-48 ballgame to West Springfield on Wednesday night in their opener.

The two-time defending Western Mass champions were well aware of Lobo and the problems that she can present. Lobo, a 6'4" Parade All-American, drew attention from colleges all across the country. She recently decided on the University of Connecticut.

But, last Friday night, she was definitely in Agawam and she left her imprint for many seasons to come. Anybody who saw her will remember that they saw her. She was immense.

Rebecca Lobo scored 24 points in the first half and 20 points in the second half. Her team scored 50; she scored 44. She scored on rebounds, layups, post-ups, turnaround jumpers from 15 feet, little right wing bank shots. You name it, she did it. But, like in all close losses, it was the one that she didn't make that Rebecca will remember. With less than two seconds to go in the game, her team trailing by three, Lobo raced up the right sideline and launched a 40-footer that banked off the board, caromed off the front of the rim, went part-way down, and spun out. That was how it ended! She didn't stop her reign of terror until the final horn...

Of course, it took a bunch of well-coached, talented Agawam kids to keep the Brownies in the ballgame. Agawam didn't have a super standout performance by one player, which is just the way that coach Lou Conte likes it.

Agawam got contributions from every kid who stepped on the floor. And it was a night when Agawam needed everything that it could get. Lobo popped home the first four points of the night, but sophomore Kim Trudel answered with six points of her own going right at Lobo, and Lisa Suffriti hit all net from the baseline and Agawam led it 8-4.

Lobo tied it at eights with two more buckets, but Joy Clark and Stephanie Mason hit little jumpers along with a Trudel free throw to bring the margin back to a five-point lead for the home-standing Brownies.

Then the big news of the night happened. Janine Mussmann connected on a layup and Southwick had the only points of the half that wouldn't be scored by Lobo. That bucket sliced the lead to 13-10. But Lobo had 16 points left in her pre-intermission arsenal and, perhaps, none more flashy than the six straight that she scored just as the half was coming to a close. She faced up and hit a jumper from 12 feet to tie the game, then added a pair of free throws and, seconds later, converted a steal and a 15-foot, big-time turnaround from the right side of the paint. It was awesome.

Stephanie Mason took advantage of some tentative Southwick backcourt play to score the last bucket of the half. Agawam trailed 26-24.

The second half began as if Agawam was going to run the Rams right back to Southwick. Clark stole the ball early and swooped down for a lefty layup to tie it at 26. Joy then popped home a baseline jumper to take the lead. Last year's Western Mass Tournament MVP

kept it up with another steal. She looked to have a lay up, but Lobo appeared and swatted it away. Trudel picked it up and was fouled and made one foul shot. Clark made two free throws following an excellent rebound, push, and pass by Suffriti. Freshman Christine Stone followed with a little pumpkin on the baseline. Trish Phelps, a senior transfer, finished the 11-point run by flipping home a scoop in the lane off a fine pass by Clark. Agawam had run a two-point halftime deficit into a nine-point lead at 35-26.

It was Agawam's pressure defense in the backcourt, and a two-man defensive operation, that denied Lobo the ball that was responsible for the Agawam success. But, they didn't hold her down long. The clock read 11:58 to play when Lobo had had enough.

She decided to bring the ball upcourt herself—and she is fully capable. She scored seven straight around a pair of Charity Spinks free throws and Southwick was tied with Agawam at 35 with 9:20 to go. It doesn't take her long to get it cranked up when she feels the urge.

Trudel and Mason, a couple of sophomores, did their best to open the lead again. Kimmer put back a Suffriti miss, and Stephanie launched and connected from three-point land as the crowd burst into song. Agawam led by five, 40-35.

But, wait...don't touch that dial!...Lobo scored four more in the blink of an eye and it was down to one, 40-39.

It was such a clutch game. If it wasn't the veteran Clark who was doing the damage, then it was the sophomores Mason and Trudel. Now it was time for the Transfer and the Frosh again. Phelps made a great play rebounding a Clark shot and putting it home. Then with time running down on the shot clock, Stone

nailed a pretty baseline bomb to put Agawam in the lead, 44-39.

Back and forth it went. Agawam would get a bucket or two, and Lobo would answer. Finally, Agawam had the lead 50-46 and it appeared to be just about time to hammer the nails into the Southwick coffin. But, there would be no coffin-closing on this night. Lobo nailed a couple of free throws and so, too, did Christine Stone, as the score was now tied at 50-50.

The rest of the game went Agawam's way. Clark missed a shot; Southwick made a turnover in the backcourt. Mason missed a shot; Lobo had possession and knocked it out of bounds. With :23 to play, Agawam had the ball with the shot clock off. Trudel was fouled and made one at the line.

The Rams called a time out with :16 to go. The Agawam defense rose up and shined as brightly as it had all night. They simply refused to let Lobo get that ball on the in-bounds play. Trudel tipped it away and was fouled again. She made the first of a one-and-one and missed the second. Agawam led by two, 52-50.

Trish Phelps got the rebound of the second Trudel miss deep in the right corner. She was fouled and missed the one-and-one, but she atoned by getting her own rebound. This time she got two shots and made the second. That put Agawam ahead by three, 53-50.

It was time for Lobo's furious push up the right sideline. She raced, she cleared, she fired, and she missed by the slimmest of margins. She was hotter than a smokin' 44—she was brilliant.

The Agawam kids, as a collective group, were just as good. Better, as a matter of fact. They won the ballgame, but they will not forget Ms. Lobo soon.

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Montessi made several nice stops late in the second to preserve the lead as the teams went off to the dressing room with the score standing at 2-1 Agawam.

Ludlow had one of their more challenging bids of the night as they streaked out 2 on 1 shorthanded early in the third, but Montessi made a stand-up save on a forehand shot by one of the attackers.

Agawam was penalized three times in the third and Ludlow was in the box twice, but neither team dented the scoreboard. Ludlow did have three quality opportunities at 12:15. While on the power play, the Lion forwards pulled out all the stops and began to pepper Montessi, but between the goalie and his defense, Agawam beat back the challenges and held on to win their first hockey game of the season.

Lifeguard Training At American Red Cross

Registrations are now being taken for special Lifeguard Training programs offered by the American Red Cross and the City of Springfield for area youth in January at the Red Cross and New North School. Programs are designed to meet training prerequisites for city and state lifeguards. Candidates must meet the following criteria prior to the start of the course: be age 15 or older, be a strong swimmer, and show a current CPR and Standard First Aid Certificate.

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Class size is limited. Interested persons may register at the American Red Cross at 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield. For further information, call 737-4306.

Bay West Squirts Win Two Important Games

Two hat tricks in separate games last week sparked the Bay West Squirt One team to two important victories in Greater Springfield Junior Amateur Hockey Association play.

Last Friday at the Olympia in West Springfield, Jeff Tisdell notched a hat trick against Amherst as Bay West skated to a 6-1 victory. Tisdell's first goal was unassisted as he made a nice fake to beat the Amherst goalie. His second goal came after he knocked in a rebound off a Dan Hershel shot. Richie Feeley also picked up an assist. Tisdell then completed his hat trick taking a pass from Dan Hershel and beating the goalie from in front.

Other Bay West goals came from Steve Gallant who scored on a rebound after an Adam DelPozzo shot. Albert Cavaliero recorded an assist. Nick Marsh got Bay West's fifth goal on a nifty one-time shot after taking a beautiful pass from behind the net by Tim Coombs. Adam DelPozzo closed out the Bay West scoring with an unassisted tally.

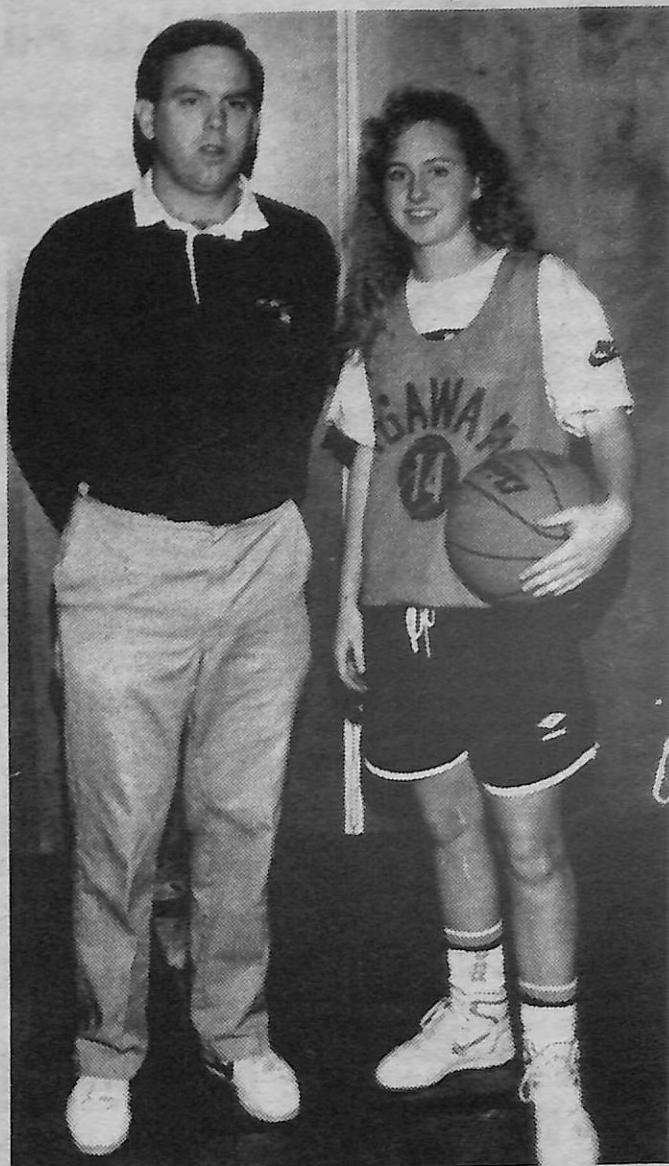
After spotting Amherst an early power play goal, the Bay West defense of Ryan Roberts, Richie Feeley, Stefan Young, and Albert Cavaliero, along with the steady goaltending of Eric Daris, shut-down the Amherst attack.

Then last Sunday, in a tough physical game played against Nonotuck at Williston in Easthampton, Adam DelPozzo led the Bay West attack notching his first hat trick of the season. Defenderman Richie Feeley also sparked offensively getting three assists in the game. DelPozzo's first goal coming on assists from Tim Coombs and Feeley. Nick Marsh and Rich Feeley assisted DelPozzo's second goal. He got his hat trick with only 16 seconds left in the game on an assist from Dan Hershel.

Other Bay West goals came from Nick Marsh with assists from Albert Cavaliero and Rich Feeley. Dan Hershel got the first Bay West goal of the game backhanding a loose puck past the Nonotuck netminder.

The Bay West Squirt One team won this game 5-3 to up its overall record this season to 9 wins, 2 losses, and 3 ties.

Coaches Mark Navone and Larry Marsh were pleased with the boys' effort this week in recording those two victories.

Conte's Captain

SENIOR JOY CLARK has been named captain of the 1990-91 Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team by coach Lou Conte (left).

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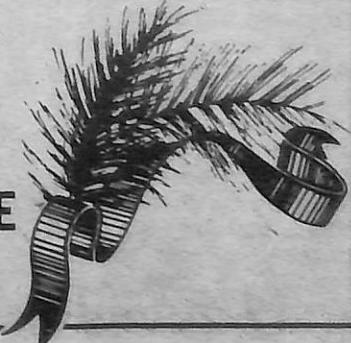
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GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH Lou Conte and his 1990-91 Brownies. The locals are the two-time defending Western Mass. champs. Back row, from left - Conte, Lisa Suffriti, Kim Trudel, Cindy Stone, Maura Martin, and Joy Clark. Front row - Amy Marcotte, Lora Bielitz, Sheila Martin, Trishia Phelps, and Stephanie Mason. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Bob Johnson On Sports...

Getting Jack Clark Brings Back '69 Fenway Memory

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It's July 6th, 1969. A twelve year-old from Burlington, Vermont, has gone down to Fenway Park with his dad. The old Washington Senators are in town. Ted Williams is their manager. The boy's dad secretly wanted to go just so that he could get another glimpse of Teddy Ballgame.

They arrive early and watch batting practice. It is there that the kid lays his eyes on Frank Howard for the first time in person. Wow. A mammoth individual who stands 6'7" tall with arms and shoulders that belong on Hercules.

Howard steps into the batting cage and begins pounding the baseball. He didn't spray it around the park. He zeroed in on the Green Monster and began to dent the Wall. Line drive after line drive after towering fly ball, Howard smashed each pitch toward leftfield.

Then, it happened. He knocked out one of the lights in the scoreboard. A low line drive caught one of the lenses just right and cracked it. And not too many of the witnesses to the power show missed the broken glass.

People from all around began to wonder just exactly how awesome the Sox would be if they had Howard. "He would hit 80 to 85 homeruns easy," one fellow remarked. "I don't know if he would hit that many, but Maris' record would be history, you could bet on that," said another.

Howard went 0-4 that day with two popups to second and two strikeouts. He didn't come close to that Wall. Frank Howard did manage to drive a baseball out of the park 382 times in his career, but none on that particular day. As a matter of fact, Dick Bosman of the Senators shut out the Red Sox and Washington went on to win 5-0. The only homerun hit that day was by a left-handed hitter named Mike Epstein of the Senators.

Red Sox fans get excited easily—very easily. It seems each winter that the Sox pick up a guy who is supposed to be the Second Coming of Christ merely because he bats from the starboard side of the plate. That's to the right side for those of you who have never painted a bulkhead or gone to the head.

Now, I can't say that I have never wondered what Hank Aaron or Mike Schmidt or Harmon Killebrew might have done if they played half of their games in Fenway Park. Chances are, though, that they wouldn't have compiled the statistics that they enjoyed. It has a habit of changing their swing, and their mental attitude at the plate.

That was one of the big knocks on Jim Rice when he was in Boston. People looked at the compact swing and the bulging biceps for 16 years and couldn't understand why he didn't just hit little popups over that wall. Incidentally, he also hit 382 homers in his career.

Yet, long-time fans will tell you that the Big Wall of

Boston actually took more homers away from Rice than it gave to him. When connecting solidly, Rice could hit it out of any park, including Yellowstone. He hit so many line drives that many rising shots caromed off that wall before they could gain the necessary elevation to get out of the yard. He had a lot of long singles in that brilliant career.

Sox management has been blistered in recent years for not bringing in shortstops and left-handed pitchers and middle relievers. But, every true Boston fan knows what they want. They want somebody to come here and break Maris' record.

Hang around the variety store on the corner on a Sunday afternoon at about four o'clock in the summer. Guys will walk in and ask how the Sox "made out." When told that the Hose had won 5-2, invariably they'll ask, "Any homers?" They don't ask "Who got the win?" or "Who picked up the save?"; they only care about who went deep. It has long been a Red Sox tradition.

Sox general managers also know what the people want to see. They are baseball fans, too. It's been a steady train of potentially big right-handed sticks over the years: Cepeda, Stuart, Esasky, Watson, Perez, Brunansky, Armas, Rudi, Baylor. They were all in here for one reason, and one reason only. And every one of them had to read this little item before they ever took a hack in the batter's box: "I expect him to play a little first base, maybe a couple games in the outfield, or

perhaps DH for us. I look for (fill in the blank) to hit anywhere between 25 to 30 homers, and drive in lot of runs for us."

Seems we have fallen for it every time. Armas hit lots of homers and helped out somewhat for a few years, and Esasky was a very pleasant surprise in '89. Most of the rest of them were busts. They all got credit in various other areas like leadership and "experience that will help the young players," but for the most part, nobody has gone on to make us forget the "Curse of the Bambino."

Okay, so sometime in April, Jack Clark is going to be the new Sheriff in Town. He'll probably hit one out of sight in the first series of the year, and we'll be looking for him to clock 50 to 60 before 1991 is history. We'll expect a huge homerun battle between Canseco and Fielder and our own Mr. Clark, and it will probably never materialize. We'll have to wait and see.

One thing is for certain. We'll miss some of Dwight Evans' long tape measure homers, and Jack Clark can hit them just as far. He will be able to more than make up for an aging Evans. Anything more than that will be a bonus.

Clark can help in a lot of ways. He can protect Greenwell in the batting order; he'll take a lot of walks and let Burks hit with men on base; he is a better-than-average base runner and he is an adequate first baseman.

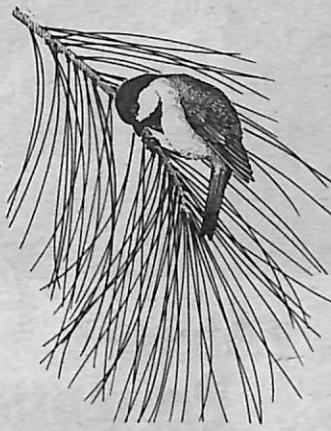
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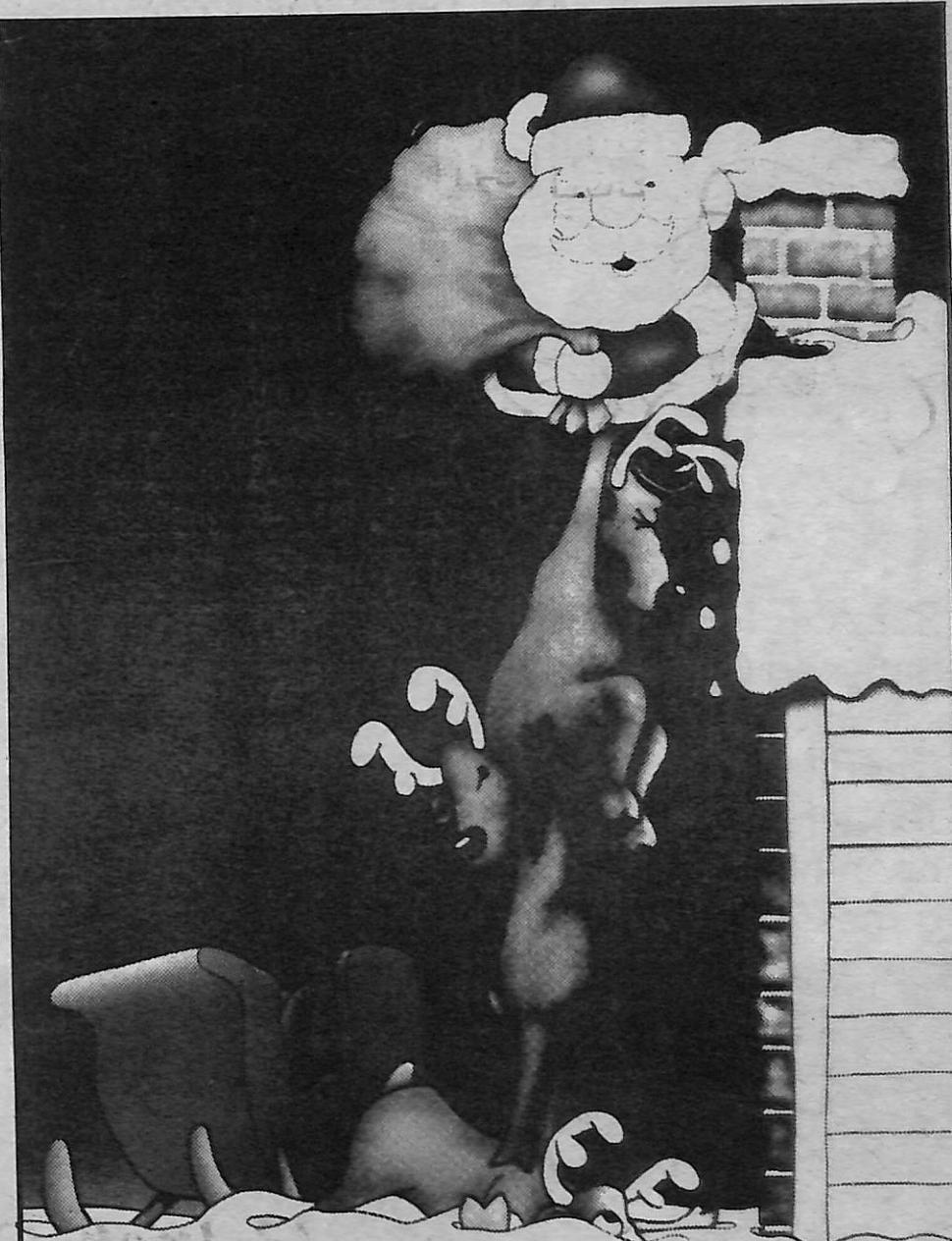
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*Lose At Crunch Time, 57-52...***'Hamp Escapes Young Brownie Cagers On Road**by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Alas, the new season is here and the Agawam High boys' basketball team finally got themselves a home game. A young, inexperienced group, they had dropped their first two games on the road and now they had to face an experienced and undefeated team (Northampton). The prospects didn't look that good for a Brownie victory, but they gave the Northampton club a devil of a time.

The visitors escaped with a 57-52 triumph, but Agawam was with them all the way and battled to the final horn.

Early on, it looked like a replay of last season. Agawam scurried all over the court. They stole balls, tipped others away, and drained the long jump shots. It looked for all the world to see that the Agawam club was going to live and die with the outside shot again.

Todd Hyland missed his first couple of shots, but then connected on two three-pointers and the Brownies had a 9-6 lead. The problem was that Northampton was eating Agawam alive on the offensive board and Tom Michalowski and Justin Kelly were making a living inside the lane. The Blue Devils turned that three-point deficit into a seven-point lead as they cruised to a 17-10 advantage midway in the first half.

Coach Mike Martin inserted 6'6" sophomore Brendon Gallagher, and the Brownies began to control the backboards a little better. The action was fast and furious, and Northampton sent Agawam to a frustrated time out as the lead had climbed to nine, 29-20 at the 2:11 mark. It was then that Martin made the substitution that allowed Agawam to stay in the

ballgame and actually carry momentum into halftime. Ben Feris was the man. He made two consecutive steals at mid-court (and converted one with a line drive scoop in the lane with two Devils hanging on him). Agawam trailed it 31-26 at halftime.

Agawam sliced the lead to one point on several occasions early in the second half, but Jason Tudryn of Northampton had a very special second half. He worked the baseline and the offensive glass for a ton of second-chance points and a couple of nifty, creative buckets to keep Northampton with their head above water.

Significant buckets by blue collar Agawam kept the game close. Joe Gaylor played a whale of a defensive ballgame and he stuck in a couple of opportunity layups. Brett Boskiewicz slashed for two buckets in the lane and Ken Blake crashed through the paint for a basket of his own. Agawam trailed it by three, 41-38 when they finally pulled even on a Jason Blackburn triple from the right-wing side.

Seconds later, Blackburn tried the other side of the court. He upfaked his man from three-point land and then danced on the baseline for a 10-footer in traffic that fell. Agawam led 43-41 and the crowd was screaming.

Tudryn tied the ballgame at 43 before Mike Briggs ripped the cords with a little jumper to put the home team back on top. Kelly dusted himself off after a long drought and tied the game, and Hyland made a steal and a bunny to put the Brownies up two, 47-45 with 4:52 to go.

Tudryn did his baseline gig again to knot the

ballgame before Gaylor rammed home a lefty in the paint to put Agawam up again. It was now time for the most excruciating few minutes in coach Martin's career.

He watched six consecutive Blue Devil free throws go wide of the mark. He watched Northampton regain possession on each miss and, finally, he watched Kelly figure out the Agawam rebounding scheme and sneak in for the tying bucket. It was 49-49.

Northampton was soon on the stripe again and again, Kelly missed a front end of a one-and-one. This time, in the ensuing scramble, Derek LaPage made a funny-looking shot coming across the paint and Northampton led it again, 51-49.

Tommy Briggs tied the game at 51 with a little shot off a Gallagher feed, and with 2:16 to go, the Brownies had a great shot to pull the upset.

It didn't work out. Northampton starting guard Jay Johnson turned out to be a PTPer (Prime Time Player). The little backcourt player went down the lane for the layup that put the visitors ahead to stay. Gallagher hit one of two free throws to draw Agawam within one, but Johnson hit two free throws and a buzzer-beating lay-in to finish the scoring.

Agawam had three opportunities to tie the game with a three-pointer prior to the coffin-closing shot by Johnson, but Hyland and Briggs missed the bombs and the third chance tickled out of bounds.

It was a fantastic ballgame with the issue constantly in doubt. It was the kind that you would pay to see. And, most importantly, it was a ton of fun...

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No registration will be taken before January 2nd, 1991!

All programs offered on "first come-first served" basis. No phone registrations.

Registration for both youth and adult programs will be held daily Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Agawam Recreation Office located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance. Look for the signs. All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be canceled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on Radio Station W.M.A.S., both A.M. and F.M. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

Perry Lane Nursery School Information

The Perry Lane Nursery School will be accepting registrations beginning February 1st, 1991 for the fall semester. This program is for all children who will have turned three or four years of age by September 30th, 1991. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten.

Session: September 9th, 1991 to May 29th, 1992

Time: Three years—Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.; four years—Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

School Fee: Three years—\$50 per month; four years—\$65 per month

Teachers: Mary Ann Page, director; Dolly Biza, aide

YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

YOUTH LEARN TO SWIM:

Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child can take part.

Session: January 19th to March 23rd, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (six years and up); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (four and five years); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (four and five years).

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Swim Staff

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Enter the pool through the last door on the left hand side of the school.

YOUTH GYMNASTICS/OPEN GYM: This gym program will offer gymnastics as well as other programs

such as kickball, etc.

Session: January 19th to March 23rd, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (beginners four and five years); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (beginners six and up); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (beginners four and up)

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Department Gymnastic's staff.

All classes are limited to 30 students per class on a first-come, first-served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Sneakers must be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the Junior High School.

DANCE-FUNKY ACRO JAZZ FOR BEGINNERS: This is a new dance program. It is a combination of acrobatic exercise and basic jazz movement for beginners from kindergarten-fourth grade.

Session: January 15th/18th to March 19th/22nd, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.—Granger School Gym; Fridays, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.—Robinson School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Department

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Ann Marie's Dance Studio

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Appropriate footwear must be used.

ADULT RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

WOMEN'S LOW IMPACT AEROBICS/EXERCISE/SWIM:

This program is a low-impact aerobics course designed to stretch and tone. If you wish to swim after the Monday program, it is already included in the cost.

Session: January 14th/16th to March 18th/20th, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Junior High Gym "A"; Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., Robinson Park School

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$40 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$25 per person

Instructor: Willie Fortini.

Third session—April 1st/3rd to June 3rd/5th, 1991

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL/SWIM:

Session: January 14th to March 18th, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds)

Supervisor: Willie Fortini.

Third session—April 1st to June 3rd, 1991

MEN'S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL:

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun and competition.

Session: January 15th to March 19th, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Robinson Park School

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds)

Supervisor: John Pavelcysk

CO-ED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL: This is a co-ed recreational volleyball program. It is open to all adult men or women who would like fun, exercise, and competition. There will be a limit of 26 people for this program.

Session: January 15th to March 19th, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds)

Supervisor: Recreation Staff

OPEN GYM:

Session: January 7th/10th to March 25th/28th, 1991

Time: Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School Gym

Registration: Not required

Fee: \$2 per person per night (pay the supervisor at the door)

Please supply your own basketballs

CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM: The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$45 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

Session: January through May, 1991

Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym and Pool

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

RECREATION SWIM SCHEDULE: The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. A lifeguard will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

Session: Sundays, January 6th to March 14th, 1991

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Session: Mondays, January 7th to March 25th, 1991

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Registration: Not required

Pool Fee: \$2 per person (pay the lifeguard on duty). Children under four free.

INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs of anyone injured while participating in or watching any of the Parks and Recreation Department programs. Please note **you enter our programs at your own risk.

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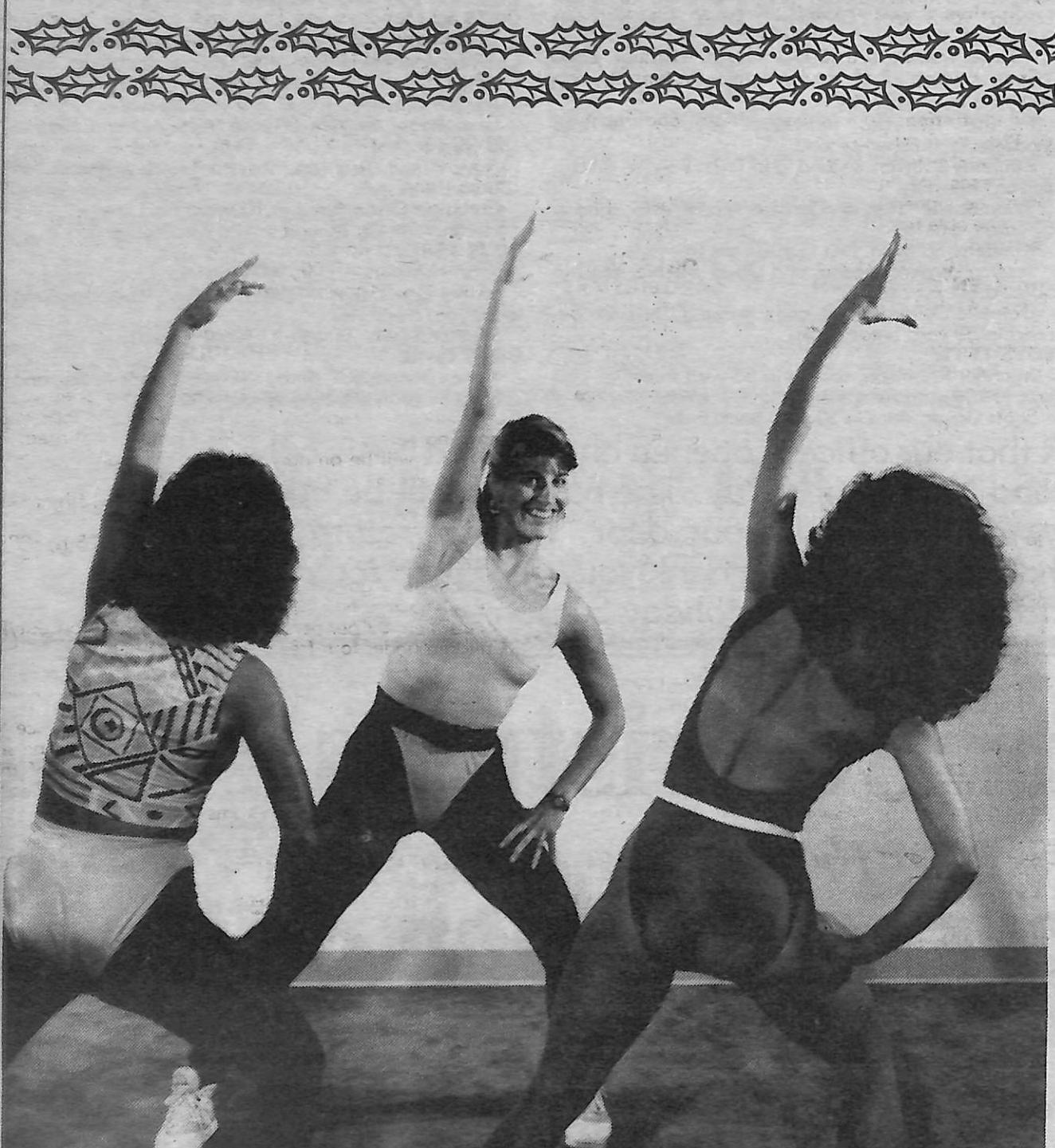
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AA Piranhas Lose Close Meet To Chicopee

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team lost a very close meet to the Chicopee Amberjacks at the Agawam Junior High School on December 1st. This was the team's second home meet of the winter season. The results included the following achievements:

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

The team of Timothy Rivers, Brian Pedersen, Michael Thomas, and Jeffrey Robinson placed second in the 100-yard medley relay.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay, the team of Timothy Rivers, Brian Foreman, Jeffrey Robinson, and Chris Fields placed second.

Jeffrey Rivkin, first, and Thomas Casiello, second in 25-yard freestyle.

Brian Pedersen, second in 25-yard butterfly.

Jeffrey Rivkin, first, and Michael Thomas, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Thomas Casiello, first in 25-yard backstroke.

Michael Thomas, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

The team of Laura Bucalo, Caitlin Weisgerber, Krista Page, and Allison Pisano placed first in the 100-yard medley relay; the team of Courtney Nowill, Katelyn Pisano, Katie Gallagher, and Amanda Fox finished third.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay the team of J. Reid, Courtney Nowill, Kyleigh Egan, and Hilary Golas placed second.

In the 100-yard individual medley Krista Page finished first and Amanda Page finished third.

Krista Page, first, and Allison Pisano, third in 25-yard freestyle.

Caitlin Weisgerber, first, Amanda Fox, second, and Katie Gallagher, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Allison Pisano, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Laura Bucalo, first in 25 yard backstroke; third in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 9-10:

The team of Eric Pedersen, Matt Slattery, James Crowley, and Michael Grant placed first in the

200-yard medley relay.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay the team of Eric Bozenhard, Patrick Lennon, Michael Fields, and Tony Marsili placed second; the team of Brian Rivers, Brian Gallagher, Brendan Kilrain, and Chris Gaffney placed first.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Michael Grant finished first, James Crowley, second, and David Thomas, third.

Matt Slattery, second, and Brian Gallagher, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Matt Slattery, first, and James Crowley, third in the 50-yard butterfly.

Michael Grant, first, and Brian Gallagher, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Eric Pedersen, first, and Chris Gaffney, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, first, in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Jessica Jensen, Jennifer Modzelesky, Danielle DeForge, and Kimberly Sullivan placed first; the team of Dawn Bucalo, Elizabeth Christian, Trina Bowler, and Shawnessy Egan placed third.

The team of Katie Christian, Nicole Andrews, Katie Theroux, and Katie Kilrain finished third in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

In the 100-yard individual medley, Jennifer Modzelesky finished second.

Kimberly Sullivan, second, and Trina Bowler, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Trina Bowler, first, and Jennifer Modzelesky, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Kimberly Sullivan, first in 100-yard freestyle.

Jessica Jensen, second, and Dawn Bucalo, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Danielle DeForge, first, and Elizabeth Christian, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 11-12:

Michael Robinson, second in 50-yard freestyle, and first in 100-yard freestyle.

Scott Guyer, third in 50-yard backstroke.

GIRLS 11-12:

The team of Patricia Olson, Sarah Pliska, Rachel Niemiec, and Kristine Modzelesky placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Eileen Daly placed first and Danielle Sexton, third.

Sarah Pliska, first in 200-yard freestyle.

Rachel Niemiec, first, and Kristine Modzelesky, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Eileen Daly, first, Natalie Piccin, second, and Tara Rivkin, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Rachel Niemiec, first, and Patricia Olson, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Patricia Olson, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Sarah Pliska, second, and Kristine Modzelesky, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Danielle Sexton, Natalie Piccin, Tara Rivkin, and Eileen Daly placed first.

BOYS 13-14:

Jonathan David, first in 200-yard medley relay and second in 100-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 13-14:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Jessica Crowley, Heather Pliska, Amy Hume, and Lexa Page finished first.

Jessica Crowley, first in 200-yard freestyle.

Lexa Page, third in 50-yard freestyle, and first in 100-yard butterfly.

Amy Hume, first, and Jessica Crowley, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Christina Olson, third in 100-yard backstroke.

Heather Pliska, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 15-18:

Alan Niemiec, first in 200-yard individual medley.

Jeffrey Lewis, first in 200-yard freestyle, and second in 50-yard freestyle.

Stephen Lewis, first in 100-yard butterfly.

GIRLS 15-18:

Nancy Bazanchuk, third in 100-yard backstroke, and second in 100-yard breaststroke.

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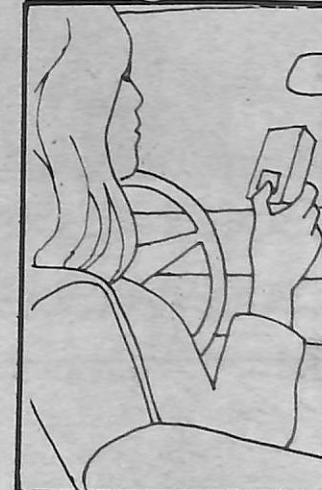
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Nothing But Nets...

Around AHS Boys' & Girls' Hoop

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

OK, so I have already found my favorite player. Watch number 43 for the Agawam boys' team the next time that you go to the game. He is **Joe Gaylor**, and you won't find a more hard-nosed defensive player. If he plays defense all season like he played against Northampton, he'll not be on the pine very much. Splendid effort. He also got a couple of clutch hoops and he runs really well without the rock...

You'll see a new thing this year in high school hoops; there are no more quarters—two 16-minute halves is what you will see. Boys' coach **Mike Martin**: "I don't like it yet, anyway. It's early in the season and it is harder to figure what your kids can give you for long periods of time. It's going to be a process to figure out when the time outs should come and all that..."

When **Rebecca Lobo** is in the basketball game, you have to find her at ALL times and figure out what you will be doing to prevent her from doing what she wants to do. So there is girls' basketball coach **Lou Conte** coaching for all he is worth. He is trying to get the matchup that he wants as his team is about to shoot free throws in front of the Agawam bench. Louie has players crisscrossing in the lane and getting set. He's emphatic about what he wants. The next thing that you hear is a little voice coming from the free throw line ever so calmly: "Coach, I'm shooting." Nothing more, nothing less.

I'm not sure Conte even heard her. I did. It was **Joy Clark**, last year's Tournament MVP. She might be the only person on the planet capable of saying those words without sounding sarcastic and turning your stomach. She was indicating to her coach that she would make both free throws and it didn't matter who was standing where on the box. Swish, swish. Incidentally, it was great...

Kim Trudel made several buckets over Lobo by turning immediately in the lane and shooting right over the big center before she could get set. Whenever Kim did a head fake or ball fake, Lobo ate the shot for lunch. It was a fun matchup to watch...

Both teams have a lot of players who will see a lot of action this year. Role-type players. Both coaches continually preach that no one individual is bigger than the team, and it appears that all of them understand that. Both teams got little two- and four-point contributions in this week's ballgames that are going to one day be the two and four points that decide ballgames in their favor. Both teams are going to scrap and claw like crazy, too...

Big **Brendon Gallagher** shoots left-handed. He'll be very tough to defend, especially against the teams that see him only once per year. He has a ways to go in his development, but he is certainly going to help...

You'll have to watch closely to differentiate when those two **Briggs**'s kids get into the ballgame. **Mike**, the junior, played extensively and I got used to watching him. Next thing you know, they were both in the ballgame and I was lucky that I noticed. **Tom**, the sophomore, wears number 10 and Mike sports number 31...

Agawam played the last 7:16 of the girls' Southwick game without Lisa Suffriti, a veteran front-court performer. She was whacked to the ground in a tussle underneath and got a cut on her forehead. I saw her walking around at the boys' game, and she looked none the worse for wear...

Freshman **Cindy Stone** played some important minutes for the girls' team. You watch, Louis is going to turn her into an excellent front-court player to go with Kim Trudel. Counting this season, those two kids have seven full seasons to go between them...

Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Some Hunting Stats

The firearms season for whitetail deer in New Hampshire ended December 2nd. Deer project leader Scot Williamson reports that 7,813 deer have been registered statewide. This includes those taken by bow and arrow, muzzleloader and conventional firearms. Last year's total kill was 7,238.

The bear season ended November 6th, with more bear taken this year than in 1989. Bear Biologist Eric Orff says 290 bruins were registered. Last year's kill was 241.

Hunters took 113 bear over bait, and 73 using dogs. Eighty-one were taken using neither bait nor dogs. Archers and muzzleloader users in quest of deer took 20 bears, while bird hunters shot three. Last year, 85 were taken over bait, 38 with dogs, and 88 using neither bait nor dogs. Hunters in search of other game took 30 bear last year.

New Hampshire is seeking a law to make it mandatory that a hunter must wear orange visible from 360 degrees. A hat or vest would qualify. The legislature must make the final decision.

Commission also want it to be illegal to bait for game animals, furbearers and coyotes from April 1st to August 31st.

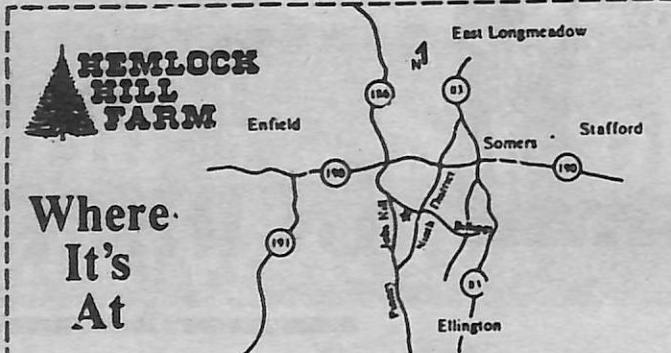
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CHIBA - from Page 63...

Aquaculture firms in Maine donated 137,000 Atlantic salmon parr to New Hampshire. The fish are worth \$87,670 and will be stocked into the Exeter, Lamprey, and Cocheco rivers.

A National survey of fishing, hunting, and wildlife-associated recreation will begin in January. One hundred thirty thousand Americans will be contacted by phone.

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by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

This was a week where the Run and Shoot won both home and away. Detroit pummeled the Bears in the Silver Dome behind RODNEY PEETE'S four TD passes, and WARREN MOON took his travelling road show to KC and he didn't stop until he got 527 yards passing and a 17-point win...

Interesting that they worry so much about the health of those Run and Shoot QB's, and those conventional pocket passers (KELLY, SIMMS, DEBERG, et al) all got injured last weekend...

Wonder if the Redskins will be going to church this Saturday. This will be their second-straight Saturday Prime Time, nationally televised game. They might not know how to act when they finish the season a week from Sunday...JAY LENO on *The Tonight Show*: "MIKE TYSON has severed all ties with HBO. Now HBO will have to somehow come up with two more minutes of programming every year..."

With five minutes to go in Monday Night Football this week, the QB statistics read like this: EVERETT of Rams (15 completions, 30 attempts, 219 yards, 1 TD); MONTANA of 49ers (15 completions, 30 attempts, 219 yards, 1 TD). Oh, by the way, the Niners led it 26-10 at the time...Did you know that in 1982, Milwaukee's Brewers (Harvey's Wallbangers) batted .219 in the ALCS, committed eight errors, got out-hit 40-33, and advanced to the Series? Useless fact, but true...

Kind of bummed me out this week when I learned that SIDNEY MONCRIEF is still in the NBA. I had thought that he was injured and left the league for good. He was a classic Milwaukee Buck. He was a class player in a class organization. He was soooo good. I really enjoyed watching him play.

Now, I find out that he is playing with those ragamuffin Atlanta Hawks. It did make me feel a little bit better to find out that the Hawks had won five straight, though. Not too many of us remember that when LARRY BIRD ad EARVIN JOHNSON stole the spotlight at the Final Four in 1979, Moncrief was a big

part of that puzzle, too. It was Sidney who led the Arkansas team into that Final Four that weekend. He was dazzling in that tournament, but no match for Indiana State or Michigan State as it turned out...

Yes, BRUCE SMITH, you have had a much better year than LAWRENCE TAYLOR. You, among others, can certainly say that this year...

San Francisco's MIKE COFER lined up a 63-yard field goal against the Rams the other night and came up eight yards short. TOM DEMPSEY'S 63-yard attempt went directly through and would have been good from 70 yards, according to those who witnessed it. I hope that record is never broken...

Both TYRONE BOGUES and SPUD WEBB averaged 2.5 rebounds per game last season. So what, you say; well, Bogues is 5'3" and Webb is 5'7" ...Oh yes, BRENT PRICE, I believe that Oklahoma might be exactly the right place for you to play your college roundball. Mark's little brother made 11 trifectas the other night en route to 56 points as the Sooners blasted Loyola Marymount by 60 points...

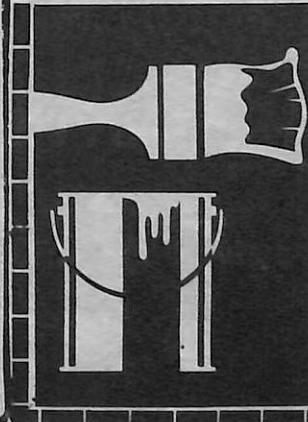
Only four NBA teams lack a player who isn't seven-feet tall—Miami, Orlando, Charlotte, and Phoenix. Everybody else has at least one guy who is 84" tall or taller. Isn't that amazing?...MICHAEL JORDAN on the current NBA MVP award: "If you can't define it, what's the point? Let's abolish it..."

Speaking of Jordan, he is the first player since JERRY WEST to win the scoring title and make the First Team All-Defensive Team in the same year...I think the Dodgers got the short end of the stick with the BOBBY OJEDA-HUBIE BROOKS trade. Ojeda will have to trim hedges year-round in L.A., too. Could be some trouble...

From the old days comes a story about MARVIN "BAD NEWS" BARNES, who reportedly wouldn't get on an 8:00 A.M. flight out of Louisville that was scheduled to land in St. Louis at 7:59 A.M.: "I ain't getting in no time machine..."

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BC Hangs On To Parish Bowl Lead

Going into the Christmas break in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, Boston College continues to lead the Round Two parade with 15½ wins, followed by surprising Catholic University (13 wins) in second place. In third place is Loyola with 12 wins.

Boston College used three victories to subdue 11th place Holy Cross (7 wins). HC mustered one win in the match.

BC had one big winner, but oh what a victory it was. Third roller KATHY BURINGHAM fired a 329 to completely overwhelm TERRY CERPOVICZ (268). This 61-pin spread carried BC to the winner's circle. The other BC winner was lead-off MISSY BARR (262). The two HC winners were college-boy JOHN LONCRINI (296) and captain LARRY VIENS, who stunned the top roller in the league, JOHN "The Hammer" O'CONNELL, 344-330. O'Connell tops the league in the Open Class at 116.11 so he was below average, while Viens leads the Men's Class AA in rolling (the league is still investigating why he rolls in Class AA and not AAA or the Open Class) at 106.29. Viens, however, was wondering why his team only won one game in a week he soundly thrashed "The Hammer."

Catholic University totally staggered Georgetown and dropped them from second to fourth place (11 wins) with a four game sweep. And that's why CU vaulted all the way to second place.

CU winners were third roller JIM SNYDER (326) and captain RICH SNYDER (312), who got a great deal of satisfaction by spanking his sister, none other than GTown captain DEBBIE POIRIER (288). Debbie was way below her average (which dipped to 105.46). This was truly a family affair as proud mother VENETTA SNYDER, who rolls lead-off for G-Town, won her match with a 282-279 win over CHRIS STEPANIAN. Also winning for G-Town was JERRY ALLEN, JR. (293). Venetta wasn't sure she liked the way her two sons were beating their respective chests after the clean sweep.

Loyola moved into striking distance of first place with three wins over our sagging Grand Champions, Fordham (7th place-9½ wins). Loyola winners included improving lead-off gal JAY LAGODITZ (holds first place in Women's Class C at 80.14), STEP STEPA-

NIAN (298-a very steady roller), and captain STEVE ROVITHIS, who really was on fire again in whipping Fordham captain OLLIE MULDREW, 347-319. Rovithis moved his average to 108.4 in the Men's Open Class (Muldrew is at 104.5 in Men's Class AAA). The way it looks now, Fordham may have trouble even getting into the Grand Championships this year after winning two straight.

Fifth place St. Anselm (11 wins) completely cleaned house on St. Michael (8th place-9 wins). Is St. Mike's about to take its traditional swoon? St. A's winners included MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (272), VI MASSOIA (313-246 over BILL "I've Lost Hope This Week" HOPE), and captain BRIAN OSBORNE, who totally demolished RENEE JURY, 309-272. Osborne holds a 103.29 average in Men's Class AAA while Renee is at 96.9 in the Women's Class AAA.

Round One winner Villanova continues to stumble (10th place-7 wins) as St. Mary moved into sixth place (11 wins) by virtue of a three wins to one match. St. Mary's winners were very rusty but still fun-to-watch AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO. Moccio has returned after a two year absence from these lanes as a regular. He hit a 287. Also winning for St. Mary, in a grueling match, was rising captain JOHN PROVOST. He fired a huge 356 to defeat Men's Class AAA leader "Jungle Jim" BURLINGHAM (334) in a great match. Provost is now at 109.16 in the Men's Open Class (second place), while "Jungle Jim" is at 107.9. "Jungle Jim" is beginning to wonder when his team will get back on the beam.

The two Villanova winners included SANDY PRZESZLO (285) and KIM ALLEN (240).

In the final match of the night, ninth place Notre Dame (8 wins) put St. Louis into last place (6 wins), three wins to one. The only ND winner was FRANK "The Tank" MOCCIO, who hit a 341 but watched John Provost take over second place in Men's Open Class rolling ("The Tank" is at 108.42). It will be interesting to watch "The Tank" when he faces his famous dad, AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO. St. Lou winners were ESTHER DEPALO (254-250 over PAT RESCIGNO), PAUL LAGODITZ (299), and LOU MASSOIA (275).

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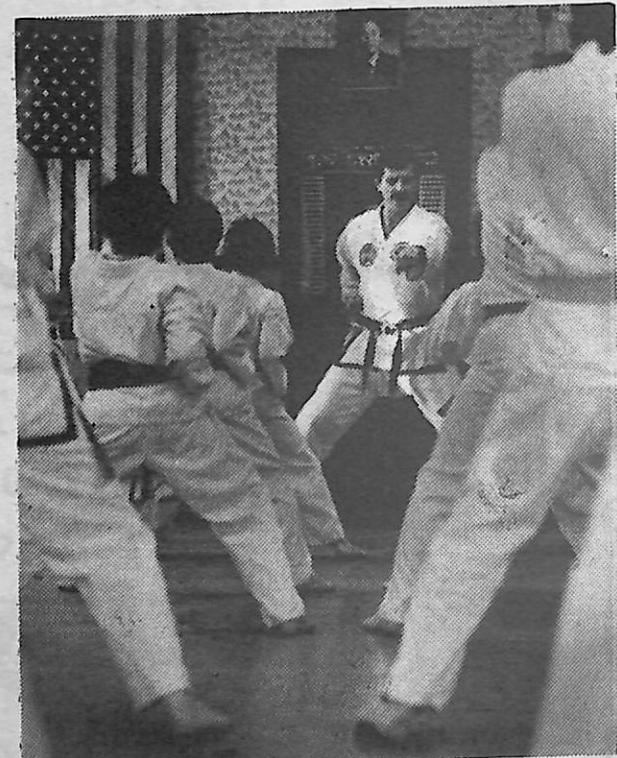
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Tom King Playing Football In Japan

Second Class Thomas King, United States Coast Guard Academy, will be playing football in Japan with the Academy's football team over the Christmas holiday. He will return home on December 28th, and will then see action with the wrestling team.

Tom is a 1987 honor graduate of Agawam High School, where he played football, wrestling, and baseball. He was Western Mass. Wrestling Champ in 1987.

He received his appointment to the Coast Guard Academy in 1988 and is currently finishing his third year. After graduation in 1992 he plans to continue to graduate school in business.

Tom spent the Thanksgiving holiday speaking to area high schools on the benefits of the Coast Guard Academy.

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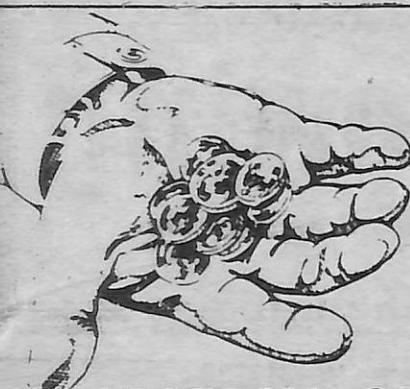
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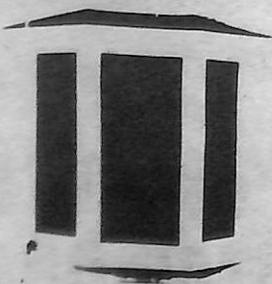
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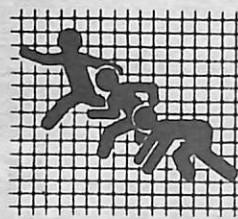
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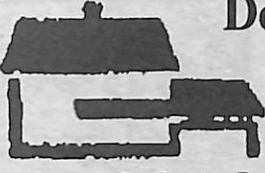
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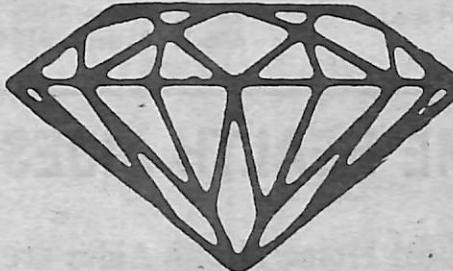
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